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THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC

Of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Its Annual Sessions Held at Newport, Pa.

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Five. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the Eighteenth and continued until the evening of the Twenty-Third of the month inclusive

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in Ascension Reformed Church of Newport, Pa., on Wednesday evening, October 18th, A. D. 1905, at 7.30 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. J. W. Pontius, from Matthew 3:11.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the President led in prayer, and then declared Synod open for business.

The provisional Synodic roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—Henry H. Apple, George Stibitz, D.D.,^o Israel S. Leiby, William A. Korn, Ph.D.,^o John J. Stauffer.³¹

Elders.—Milton W. Bahn,² Reuben A. Paules,^o John L. Gerber,^g Israel Laucks.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—James B. Stonesifer, Lloyd E. Coblentz, J. Stewart Hartman, Atville Conner, J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.,³ Calvin S. Slagle, E. Ranson Deatrick, B.D., John W. Pontius, Robert J. Pilgram, J. Philip Harner, Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.

Elders.—Jacob H. Cost, John Gassman,^h Calvin R. Coblentz,^g Peter S. Lesh, Charles A. Goetling, Edmund S. Everhart, Atville Conner,^h John Freyer, Henry Stokes, Lewis B. Hargett.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers.—Edgar R. Appenzeller,^g Preston A. DeLong, Elias F. Faust, Jonas B. Shontz, Edward O. Keen.

Elders.—Casper Wicke, J. C. Fuss,^g Jonas Kieffer.²⁰

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers.—Thomas J. Hacker, D.D., Moses A. Kieffer,² John A. Hoffheins, D.D., A. H. Smith.

Elders.—Daniel S. Rentch, Henry J. Seibert, E. E. Jones,²⁰ Joshua B. Grove.

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers.—George A. Snyder, D.D., Joseph L. Murphy, D.D.,³¹ Samuel W. Beck, William B. Duttera, Ph.D., J. M. Luther Lyerly, Ph.D., John H. Keller.³¹

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—E. William Stonebraker, Thomas J. Barkley, D.D., J. Hamilton Smith,² Ellis S. Hay.

Elders.—Andrew R. Brodbeck, John P. Butt, George Julius,² Harry C. Sanders.

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—J. Thomas Fox, Miles O. Noll, Milton M. Noacher,^g Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.

Elders.—Samuel A. Bashore, Jeremiah V. Fickes, John Hertzler, A. K. Souders.²

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers.—Walter E. Garrett,¹ Charles W. Warlick, Charles F. Althouse, Christian Gumbert, J. David Miller.

Elders.—John Brewster, Edward M. Pennell,^g D. F. Ritchey, J. B. Phillips, T. M. Triplett.

NOTE.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the session at which the delegate took his seat. He was not present at the opening of Synod. The letters in their order refer to the sessions at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. R. L. Bair occupied the seat of Rev. G. Stibitz, D.D., during the sessions of Saturday and Monday; Rev. H. J. Hillegass that of Rev. J. J. Stauffer on Monday; and Rev. S. S. Miller that of Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., at the first two sessions, of Rev. J. W. Pontius on Thursday and Friday, and of Rev. J. B. Stonesifer from Saturday morning till the close of Synod.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions, to wit:

Zion's Classis.—Revs. R. L. Bair and H. J. Hillegass.

Maryland Classis.—Revs. S. S. Miller, C. H. Ranck, C. A. Bushong, Prof. J. H. Apple, and Elder E. Cornman.

Mercersburg Classis.—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., and Prof. W. M. Irvine, Ph.D.

North Carolina Classis.—Rev. Shuford Peeler.

Gettysburg Classis.—Elder Charles M. Wolff.

Carlisle Classis.—Revs. W. H. Groh, F. L. Kerr, S. T. Wagner, R. E. Leinbach, and Elders S. S. Brenner and Moses Hess.

Juniata Classis.—Rev. George E. Limbert.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. C. J. Musser, D.D., A. S. Bromer, J. S. Stahr, D.D., A. C. Whitmer, E. N. Kremer, D.D., W. E. Hoy, D.D., R. W. Miller, D.D., T. W. Dickert, T. M. Yundt, W. F. More, and Prof. E. M. Hartman.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. J. C. Bowman, D.D., D. A. Souder, and D. H. Leader.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Rev. A. F. Lott, of the Presbyterian Church, Newport, and Rev. Mr. Dorwart, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Newport.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current year:

Rev. H. H. Apple, *President*, York, Pa.

Elder John Brewster, *Vice-President*, Huntingdon, Pa.

Rev. J. Hamilton Smith, *Corresponding Secretary*, Littlestown, Pa.

Rev. P. A. DeLong, *Reading Clerk*, Chambersburg, Pa.
 Elder Charles M. Wolff, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.
 Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., is *Stated Clerk*, Woodberry, Baltimore, Md.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order, as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, was dispensed with.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as comprising the first eleven rows of pews.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The daily session to open at 9 o'clock and close at 4.30 o'clock, with recess from 11.30 to 2 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 7.30.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. C. F. Althouse, W. E. Garrett, J. T. Fox; Elders J. V. Fickes and E. M. Pennell.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, E. W. Stonebraker, C. Gumbert; Elders S. A. Basehore and C. Wicke.

General Synod.—Revs. E. B. Lyttle, E. O. Keen, M. O. Noll; Elders M. W. Bahn and J. V. Fickes.

Overtures.—Revs. A. H. Smith, R. J. Pilgram, E. F. Faust; Elders C. R. Coblentz and A. Conner, Sr.

Publication.—Revs. M. O. Noll, C. S. Slagle, J. H. Smith; Elders J. Freyer and D. F. Ritchey.

Minutes of Classes.—Rev. E. O. Keen, J. A. Hoffheins, J. B. Stonesifer; Elders H. J. Seibert and Peter S. Lesh.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Geo. Stibitz, G. A. Snyder, J. B. Shontz; Elders E. S. Everhart and J. Hertzler.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. J. W. Pontius, A. Conner, E. R. Appenzeller; Elders J. B. Grove and A. R. Brodbeck.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, S. W. Beck, W. A. Korn; Elders J. B. Phillips and J. P. Butt.

Education.—Revs. P. A. DeLong, J. Spangler Kieffer, E. R. Eschbach; Elders Israel Laucks and J. Gassman.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. W. B. Duttera, M. M. Noacher, J. P. Harner; Elders T. M. Triplett and H. A. Sanders.

Missions.—Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., E. S. Hay, J. S. Hartman; Elders L. B. Hargett and D. S. Rentch.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. I. S. Leiby, J. M. L. Lyerly, C. W. Warlick; Elders John Gerber and J. C. Fuss.

Finance.—Revs. T. J. Hacker, J. D. Miller, C. S. Slagle; Elders J. Brewster and R. A. Paules.

Nominations.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, L. E. Coblenz, T. J. Barkley; Elders H. Stokes and J. H. Cost.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committees on those subjects.

2. The annual reports of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Board of Trustees were presented and read, and then the former was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of learning the arrears.

3. The annual reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, annual report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, of President J. S. Stahr, D.D., Ph.D., of Franklin and Marshall College, and catalogues of Massanutten Academy, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee, on Education for further consideration.

4. The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board were received, read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice. The annual reports of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received. They were read, and then referred to the above committee.

5. The annual report of the Board of Publication was laid before Synod in printed form, and, after distribution, it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The annual report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home was presented to Synod, read, and then referred to a special committee.

8. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, whose report was received and adopted, namely:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Religious Services present the following report:

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7.30 p. m.—Altar Service by Rev. F. A. Rupley. Sermon by retiring President, Rev. J. W. Pontius.

Thursday, Oct. 19, 7.30 p. m.—Education. Rev. G. A. Snyder, D.D., presiding. Altar Service by Rev. A. H. Smith. Address, "The Seminary and the Church," Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D. Address, "The College and the Church," Rev. J. S. Stahr, D.D.

Friday, Oct. 20, 7.30 p. m.—Church Institutions. Rev. W. F. More, presiding. Altar Service by Rev. Atville Conner. Address, "The Church and the Orphan," Rev. D. H. Leader. Address, "Christ and the Child," Rev. R. W. Miller, D.D.

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2 p. m.—Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D. Altar Service by Revs. W. B. Duttera, Ph.D., and M. M. Noacher.

7.30 p. m.—Home Missions. Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., presiding. Altar Service by Rev. C. W. Warlick. Addresses by Revs. T. M. Yundt and A. C. Whitmer.

Sunday, Oct. 22, 10.30 a. m.—Synodical and Congregational Communion. Sermon by President of Synod, H. H. Apple. Altar Services by Revs. E. R. Deatrick and J. Hamilton Smith.

6 p. m.—Heidelberg League. Address, "The Culture of Music," by Rev. R. J. Pilgram. Address, "Songs That Have Helped," by Rev. J. S. Hartman.

7 p. m.—Foreign Missions. Rev. T. J. Hacker, presiding. Altar Service by Rev. E. O. Keen. Address, "Our Work in Japan," by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D. Address, "Our Work in China," by Rev. W. E. Hoy, D.D.

Presbyterian Church.—A. M., Rev. C. F. Althouse; P. M., Rev. J. David Miller.

Evangelical Church.—A. M., Rev. J. B. Shontz; P. M., Rev. M. O. Noll.

Methodist Church.—A. M., Rev. P. A. DeLong; P. M., Rev. E. R. Appenzeller.

Lutheran Church.—A. M., Rev. J. L. Murphy, D.D.; P. M., Rev. E. S. Hay.

New Bloomfield Reformed.—A. M., Rev. R. J. Pilgram.

Respectfully submitted,

J. THOMAS FOX,

C. F. ALTHOUSE,

J. V. FICKES,

WALTER E. GARRETT,

E. M. PENNELL.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod and of the General Synod were referred to the Standing Committees on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the sessions of Thursday and Saturday, these committees presented their reports, which were received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and are as follows:

Report of the Committees on Minutes of Synod.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item 1, p. 13. Revs. M. O. Noll and E. R. Deatrick, officers of Synod, were appointed to provide a house for Prof. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D.

Item 2, p. 19. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of Synod. Rev. E. W. Stonebraker is Chairman.

Item 3, p. 30. The attention of the Stated Clerks of Zion's, Mercersburg, and North Carolina Classes is called to their neglect to send to Synod an abstract of their Minutes relative to matters coming before Synod.

Item 4, p. 30. The Classes are requested to hold meetings in the interest of education.

Item 5, p. 30 and p. 60. The attention of the Classes is called to the urgent necessity of impressing pastors and people with the need of young men for the Christian ministry, and they are to instruct pastors to preach special sermons, emphasizing this claim of the Church on young men.

Item 6, p. 30. Zion's Classis was urgently enjoined to pay the apportionment for Catawba College for last year in full.

Item 7, p. 30. The Classes are urged to instruct pastors to pay the apportionment for Beneficiary Education early in the year.

Item 8, p. 30. Zion's Classis is enjoined by Synod to accept the apportionment for Beneficiary Education, and to co-operate with Synod in this work.

Item 9, p. 30. Synod enjoins upon all the Classes to accept the apportionments sent down to them.

Item 10, p. 58. Synod requests the Classes to keep before the minds of the young men seeking an education the claims and advantages of Franklin and Marshall College.

Item 11, p. 58. The Classes are urged to provide plans to aid Professor Hartman in prosecuting the work of increasing the endowment of the College.

Item 12, p. 59. A committee is appointed to confer with similar committees of the other Synods and with the Faculty of the Seminary in arranging for a "Seminary Day," of which committee Rev. S. S. Miller is Chairman.

Item 13, p. 59. Synod appoints a committee to co-operate with a committee of the Board of Trustees to increase the endowment of the Seminary, of which committee Rev. E. R. Deatrick is Chairman.

Item 14, p. 61. The several Classes are urged to pay in full their apportionment for Catawba College.

Item 15, pp. 59 and 62. A committee, of which Rev. F. A. Rupley is Chairman, is appointed to co-operate with the Board of Directors of the Woman's College to increase its endowment.

Item 16, p. 64. Report of the Rev. George A. Snyder, D.D., as agent to collect the \$10,075.16 still necessary to complete the endowment of the Presidency of Catawba College, as pledged by Synod.

Item 17, p. 67. Report of the Members of the Board of Visitors of this Synod in publishing the inaugural addresses of Professors Bowman, Schaeffer and Noss.

Item 18. Vacancies on Synod's Boards.

It will be necessary to elect to the various Boards of Synod, to fill the place of those whose term of office expires, or to fill vacancies, as follows:

- P. 44. Trustees of Catawba College—six members.
- 69. Board of Education—three members for three years; one member for two years.
- 69. Board of Regents of Mercersburg College—three members for three years; one member for two years.
- 69. Directors of Woman's College—one member for five years.
- 69. Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary—one member for one year.
- 69. Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary—one member for one year.
- 97. Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions—two members for four years; one member for two years.
- 107. Trustees of Synod—one member for five years.
- 115. Sunday-school Board—one member for five; one member for one year.
- 127. Board of Managers of Deaconess Home—one minister for four years; one minister and one elder for three years; one minister for one year.

Item 19, p. 96. Missions.

- a. Synod urges the Classes to assume and pay all the apportionments for Missions in full.
- b. Synod urges a better response to the six cents a member for Church Building on the part of Classes.
- c. The Classes are urged to support the Foreign Mission Board in the effort to erect buildings for the North Japan College.
- d. The observance of Home and Foreign Missionary Days is commended to the Classes.
- e. Classes are urged to use their influence in the sale of "The History of the Japan Mission."

Item 20, p. 103. Certain arrearages of the Classes are noted.

Item 21, p. 104. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home, Foreign, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Work Among the Germans, Harbor Mission, Theological Seminary, Contingent, Beneficiary Education, Catawba College, Woman's College and Science Building and Interest.

Item 22, p. 107. The Classes delinquent on their pledges, for the Washington Memorial Church were requested to pay the amount deficient as soon as possible.

Item 23, pp. 112-113. Synod recommends certain action respecting the Sunday-schools.

Item 24, p. 115. The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the sessions of 1904 authenticated, printed, and distributed to those entitled to receive them.

Item 25, p. 120. The importance of largely increasing the circulation of *The Messenger* is urged upon the Classes, and they are directed to ascertain the number of subscribers to *The Messenger* and *The Quarterly Review* in our several pastoral charges.

Item 26, p. 122. The Orphan Homes are commended to the continued support, fostering love and care of the Church, through the Classes.

Item 27, p. 125. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows is commended, and the Classes are urged to ask pastors to present the cause to their people at least once a year for liberal offerings.

Item 28, p. 131. A committee, of which the Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., is Chairman, is appointed to meet with Zion's Classis, and present in person the resolutions adopted by Synod a year ago concerning said Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK,

E. W. STONEBRAKER,	CASPER WICKE,
S. AUG. BASEHORE,	C. GUMBERT.

For the action of Synod on items 1, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, see Article XIII, Education; on item 2, see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27, see Article X, Minutes of Classes for their action on the several items; item 18 was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; item 24, see Article XX, Publication; on item 28, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod presented its report, during the session of Saturday, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Minutes of General Synod begs leave to report the following items taken from the Minutes of General Synod, which claim the attention of this body:

Item 1, p. 86. General Synod commends the Woman's Missionary Societies already organized in the Synods, Classes and congregations of the Church, and urges all the Synods and Classes to foster the development of this good work.

Item 2, p. 86. Commends the work of the Harbor Missionary to the interest and support of the Church.

Item 3, p. 87. Commends the Hungarian and Bohemian Missionary work.

Item 4, p. 160. Commends the Annuity Bonds as a means for securing funds for the Missionary cause.

Item 5, p. 174. Commends the work of the Board of Ministerial Relief to the District Synods and Classes for support.

Item 6, p. 176. General Synod recommends the more thorough organization of Young People's Societies and that Standing Committees be appointed by Synods and Classes.

Item 7, p. 203. General Synod requests the Synods and Classes to call the attention of pastors and members to the great importance of constant efforts to increase the membership of the Sunday-school, and improve the attendance of the schools within their bounds.

Item 8, p. 203. Requests Synods and Classes to urge upon the various young people's organizations of the Church the importance of making use of the denominational reading course and the organization of mission study classes.

Item 9, p. 255. General Synod lays the following apportionments upon the Synod of the Potomac:

- a. Contingent Fund, \$550.
- b. Home Missions, \$15,550.
- c. Foreign Missions, \$10,675.
- d. Hungarian, Harbor and Bohemian Missions, \$1,650.
- e. Church Building, \$3,070.

Item 10, p. 270. General Synod directs especial attention to the importance of keeping before the minds of our young men the claims of the Christian ministry, and the urgent need which challenges them to enter upon the work of preparation for this sacred calling.

Item 11, p. 271. Commends our institutions of learning to our people for their liberal support and patronage.

Item 12, p. 277. The next Triennial meeting of General Synod will be held in the First German Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio, in 1908, on the third Tuesday in May, at 8 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BRUCE LYTTLE,
MILES O. NOLL, M. W. BAHN,
EDWARD O. KEEN, J. V. FICKES.

For the action of Synod on items 1, 2, 3, 4, see Article XIV, Missions; on item 5, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous, Relief Society; on item 6, the following action was adopted: Resolved, That Synod appreciates the General Synod's concern for the welfare of young people, and will co-operate in the endeavor

to accomplish its objects; that, however, it does not see its way clear to the appointment of a standing committee on this subject. Item 7, see Article XVIII, Sunday-schools; item 8 was adopted and referred through the Classes to the Young People's Societies; on item 9, see Article XV, Finance; items 10 and 11 were adopted and sent down to the Classes with the request that they urge pastors and consistories to present these matters to the people of their charges; item 12 was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and disposed of item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Potómac:

DEAR BRETHREN: To the undersigned Committee on Overtures were referred the following items:

Item 1. The annual report of the Managers of Bethany Orphan Home, and a letter from Superintendent More.

Item 2. The report of Rev. D. H. Leader, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Item 3. A communication from Dr. J. S. Stahr, relative to the filling of vacancies on the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

Item 4. Pittsburgh Synod notifies Potomac Synod of its consent to the modification of the Swander Memorial, changing it from a lectureship to a professorship.

Item 5. A letter from Rev. Paul Barringer, tendering his resignation as a Trustee of Catawba College.

Item 6. The triennial statement, and the report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and Their Widows.

Item 7. A communication from Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief of General Synod, asking for favorable consideration of its cause.

Item 8. The Board of Education requests permission to use its own discretion in requiring beneficiary students to give bonds.

Item 9. A resolution from the Synod of Interior, asking this Synod's endorsement of the movement in behalf of the Mission at Omaha, Neb.

Item 10. Elder George W. Hoffman, of St. James congregation (Christ Church charge), Adams county, Pa., tenders property, consisting of two farms, for the purpose of establishing an Orphan Home.

Item 11. Zion's Church, Chambersburg, Pa., invites Synod to hold its next annual session in its church.

Item 12. A letter containing a request from the President of Nazareth Orphan Home, Crescent, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. SMITH,

ROBERT J. PILGRAM,
E. F. FAUST,

CALVIN R. COBLENTZ,
ATVILLE CONNER.

Items 3, 4, were adopted; on items 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 12, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on item 5, the resignation was accepted, and the vacancy referred to the Committee on Nominations; on item 8, see Article XIII, Education; on item 9, see Article XIV, Missions; the invitation of Zion Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa., was accepted, and Synod decided to meet there on Tuesday, October 16th, A. D. 1906, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to submit the following report:

I.—IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Stated Clerks of Classes are requested to send an abstract of their minutes relative to matters requiring the attention of Synod. All the Classes have complied with this requirement, except Carlisle. Many of these abstracts, however, are very incomplete.

II.—MATTERS REFERRED BY SYNOD.

Item 2. Classes are requested to hold meetings in the interest of education. All the Classes report having complied with this request, except Zion's.

Item 3. The attention of the Classes is called to the urgent necessity of impressing pastors and people with the need of young men for the ministry, and the Classes are requested to instruct pastors to preach special sermons emphasizing this claim of the Church upon young men. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 4. Classes are directed to ascertain the number of subscribers to "The Reformed Church Messenger" and "The Quarterly Review" in circulation in their several pastoral charges. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 5. Synod enjoins upon the several Classes to accept all the apportionments sent down to them. All the Classes took favorable action, except Zion's.

Item 6. Classes are requested to keep before the minds of young men seeking an education the claims and advantages of Franklin and Marshall College, and are urged to provide such plans as will aid Prof. Hartman in presenting the needs of the College and collecting funds for the endowment. All the Classes took favorable action, except Zion's.

Item 7. Stated Clerks of Classes are requested to send in promptly renewals or requests for beneficiary aid. All the Classes took favorable action except Zion's.

Item 8. Classes are urged to pay in full their apportionment for Catawba College. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 9. Classes are urged to assume and pay all the apportionments for Home Missions, and the 6 cents a member for Church-building. All the Classes took favorable action, except that Juniata Classis does not accept 6 cents per member for Church-building, having a classical Church-building Fund nearly raised and hoping to complete it during present year.

Item 10. Classes are urged to support the Foreign Mission Board in the effort to erect buildings for North Japan College. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 11. The observance of Home and Foreign Mission days is commended. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 12. Classes are urged to use their influence in the sale of the History of the Japan Mission. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 13. Synod urges Classes to ask pastors to present the cause of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows to the people, at least once a year, for liberal offerings. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 14. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, work among the Germans, Harbor Missions, Theological Seminary, Contingent Fund, Beneficiary Education, Catawba College, Woman's College, and Science Building and Interest. Zion's Classis accepts its full apportionment for Home Missions, \$1,425, with the understanding that \$850 be applied to Mission work immediately under the care of the Classis; does not accept apportionment for Beneficiary Education, Catawba College and Woman's College; in-

stead of adopting \$108 for Woman's College, offers to co-operate with Synod's committee in the effort to raise the amount yet outstanding, by direct canvass. Maryland Classis, instead of accepting and apportioning the amount for Woman's College, took the following action: "*Resolved*, That the Trustees of this Classis borrow the sum of \$5,000 for the Woman's College at Frederick, in lieu of the amount to be raised by the Classis towards the expenses of the Endowment Committee." Mercersburg Classis does not accept apportionment for Science Building. Virginia Classis does not accept apportionment for Catawba College and Woman's College. North Carolina Classis does not accept apportionment for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, work among the German Harbor Missions, Woman's College, Science Building, but commends these interests to the favorable consideration of the pastors and congregations of the Classis; accepts \$25 of apportionment for Theological Seminary, whole apportionment being \$312. Gettysburg Classis does not accept apportionment for Woman's College, but instead agrees to co-operate in effort to raise Endowment. Carlisle Classis does not accept apportionment for Woman's College, but makes provision for this interest through special committee.

Item 15. Classes delinquent on the Washington Memorial Church are requested to pay their arrears as soon as possible. Mercersburg Classis respectfully overtures Synod to exonerate it from paying the debt.

Item 16. Certain action concerning the Sunday-schools is referred to the Classes. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 17. The ratio of representation of the Synod is changed from 1 in 3 to 1 in 4. All the classes noted this action favorably.

Item 18. Orphans' Homes are, through the Classes, commended to the Churches. All the Classes took favorable action.

III.—LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

Item 19. Zion's Classis licensed Mr. Wilbur J. Kohler; received from Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Licentiate Charles E. Myers, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry; received Licentiate Howard A. Althouse from Reading Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry; received Rev. Elmer E. Emhoff from Classis of Iowa, Synod of the Interior; dismissed Rev. Charles P. Kehl to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. H. M. J. Klein to Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 20. Maryland Classis licensed Mr. Henri L. G. Keiffer, Mr. Edward S. Lamar and Mr. Elnathan L. Higbee, May 12, 1905; received Rev. John B. Kalaria from the Western Presby-

tery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, February 13, 1905; Rev. Clayton H. Ranck from Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, May 12, 1905; Rev. David N. Dittmar from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, October 3; dismissed Rev. S. T. Wagner to Carlisle Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. Christopher Noss to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; Licentiate Edward G. Lamar and Henri L. G. Keiffer to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

Item 21. Mercersburg Classis received Rev. Preston A. DeLong from Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. Charles P. Kehl from Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac; received Licentiate Edward S. Lamar from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry, June 4, 1905; received Licentiate Henri L. G. Keiffer from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry, September 3, 1905; licensed Mr. John H. Detrick and dismissed him to the Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, May 29, 1905; dismissed Rev. Charles A. Santee to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, March 16, 1905; dismissed Rev. Clayton H. Ranck to Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, May 10, 1905.

Item 22. Virginia Classis received Rev. Thos. J. Hacker, D.D., from Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod, February 24, 1905; dismissed Rev. Ellis S. Hay to Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, December 15, 1904.

Item 23. North Carolina Classis received Rev. F. Cromer from Eastern Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod, September 19, 1904; dismissed Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, Ph.D., to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, May 26, 1904; and Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser to Emporia Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, May, 1905.

Item 24. Gettysburg Classis licensed Mr. Charles Edward Myers, Mr. J. W. Zehring and Mr. Dallas R. Krebs; received Rev. Ellis S. Hay from Virginia Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. Jacob N. Faust from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. A. P. Frantz to East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod; Prof. J. C. Bowman, D.D., to Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Licentiate Charles Edward Myers to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Licentiate J. William Zehring to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and Licentiate Dallas R. Krebs to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 25. Carlisle Classis licensed Mr. Vernon S. Rice; received Licentiate Roy E. Leinbach from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry; received Rev. S. T. Wagner from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

Item 26. Juniata Classis received Rev. C. W. Summey from Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. Geo. E. Limbert from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. D. E. Master from Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; dismissed Rev. Lewis Robb to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. P. A. DeLong to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. Geo. W. Welsh to Eastern Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod; Rev. Wm. C. Slough to East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod.

IV.—TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

Item 27. Zion's Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Red Lion, York county, Pa., Monday, May 21, 1906, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. Wm. A. Korn, Ph.D., President; Rev. Aaron Spangler, Stated Clerk; Rev. George S. Sorber, Treas.

Item 28. Maryland Classis will meet in Faith Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., Wednesday, May 16, 1906, at 8 p. m. Rev. L. E. Coblentz, President; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, Stated Clerk; Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer.

Item 29. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Shippensburg, Pa., Tuesday, May 15, 1906, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. Gideon P. Fisher, President; Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Stated Clerk; Rev. P. A. DeLong, Treasurer.

Item 30. Virginia Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Mt. Crawford, Va., Wednesday, May 23, 1906, 8 p. m. Rev. A. T. Wright, President; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 31. North Carolina Classis will meet in Bethel Reformed Church, East Roman charge, Gold Hill, N. C., Tuesday, May 1, 1906, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. J. L. Bowers, President; Rev. J. C. Leonard, B.D., Stated Clerk; Elder P. J. Leonard, Treasurer.

Item 32. Gettysburg Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Gettysburg, Pa., Friday, May 18, 1906, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. Theodore C. Hesson, President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 33. Carlisle Classis will meet in St. Matthew's Reformed Church, at Carlisle Springs, Cumberland county, Pa., Wednesday, May 16, 1906, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. Frank L. Kerr, President; Rev. Wm. H. Groh, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 34. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Alexandria, Huntingdon county, Pa., Thursday, May 31, 1906, at 7.45 p. m. Rev. B. F. Bausman, President; Rev. J. David Miller, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD O. KEEN, *Chairman.*

Item 1, the attention of the Stated Clerk of Carlisle Classis was called to the irregularity, and the Stated Clerks of the

Classes were instructed to be more careful ; item 2 was adopted and reiterated ; item 15 was adopted, excepting that part relating to the request of Mercersburg Classis to be exonerated from the payment of the amount due on Washington Church. Synod cannot exonerate the Classis because the money was borrowed for the payment of the pledge of Classis. The remaining items were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Reverend Brethren of the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination respectfully reports that no candidates having been referred to us, the committee had no work to do.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE STIBITZ,

GEORGE A. SNYDER, J. B. SHONTZ.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHERN: Your Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics offers the following report for your consideration and adoption:

A healthy state of religion demands a proper recognition of God in worship and in general activity. The reports of the various Classes, placed in our hands, indicate a true recognition of the great Head of the Church ; a spirit of true reverence and devotion to Christ ; a deep consciousness of dependence upon God, and a deeply-rooted appreciation of the blessings and privileges which the Creator of all things has bestowed upon us.

Another indication of healthfulness in these reports is the interest shown in the preaching and in the study of the Holy Word. Not only were the pastors earnest and devoted in the preaching of the Word, but the people also showed their appreciation of it by their faithful attendance at the regular services. In the Sunday-schools and in the Young People's Societies, it is read and studied, as the Word of Life, to a much more encouraging degree than in the past. In the face of the

critical age in which we live and the disposition to undermine the Word and to secularize it and all that is sacred, it is refreshing and encouraging to see it upheld and revered as the Word of God by both the pastors and the people in our Church.

Still another sign of health and progress, is the number of accessions during the year. This increase in number has been of a steady and not of a spasmodic character. The educational method of instructing the young in the Catechism and preparing them for confirmation, has not been superseded by any other method. The Lenten season is still regarded the true revival season; the fall and winter work in our Church looks forward to this special season as the ingathering season of the year. In this custom "of the fathers" there is a concentration of the energies and powers of the denomination, of the charges and of the congregations, toward the end of ingathering, that must tell, wonderfully, in the advancement and development of spiritual growth.

It is an indication of progress when there is not only an observance of the general festival days, but also the special days ordered by the Synod. Nearly all the charges and the congregations observed Messenger Day, Home and Foreign Missionary Days, Seminary Day and Children's Day. The fruit of the observance of these days will show itself in the near future in the building up of the charges and congregations, in the strengthening of the Synod and in the advancement of the Church in general. The disposition of pastors and people to use these days to press home to the membership the special needs and wants of the Church is to be admired and commended.

These reports also assure us that the apportionments handed down by the Synod have been generally assumed and paid by the various charges. This attitude of true regard for the Synod and the benevolent work of the Church, enables the Synod to do her share in the work of building up the Kingdom of the Lord. It would be a very sad and a very discouraging feature, if any of the Classes would assume a wrong attitude toward the Synod, by presuming to determine what special items of benevolence shall be assumed and what particular ones shall be ignored. This spirit of independency and of retrogression still lingers to some extent within the bounds of our Synod. That it exists is to be lamented; that it has but a slender hold, is a source of great encouragement.

The interest shown during the past year, by individuals, congregations, charges and Classes, in the educational institutions under our care, is a healthful sign of progress and advancement. The Church life that is indifferent to the educational interests of the day, must be in a dying condition. The

noble act which one of the Classes of this Synod did in behalf of the Woman's College, indicates a living interest in the cause of education. May this act inspire us to a more prayerful consideration and a more hearty support of this and all other institutions under our direction.

It is worthy of mention also, that there are things embodied in these reports, which go to show that the millennium has not yet arrived; that evil still manifests itself in varied forms; that there is a strong materialistic spirit, turning men's minds away from God; that there is still a tendency to destroy the sanctity of the Lord's Day and the safeguards of morality in the interests of amusements, of intemperance and of licentiousness, and that the graft system obtains in the social and financial world, poisoning the hearts and minds of men with dishonesty and corruption. That in the midst of this conflict, between light and darkness, we find the Church life normal and healthy, demands at our hands, praise and gratitude to our heavenly Father and a fuller consecration of ourselves on the altar of the Gospel, to His honor and to His service. Therefore to the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, would we ascribe all thanksgiving, praise, honor and glory, for whatever we may have done, during the past year, in the interest of the Master's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PONTIUS,

ATVILLE CONNER,

EDGAR R. APPENZELLER,

J. B. GROVE,

A. R. BRODBECK.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

On Thursday the annual reports of the Board of Education; of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College; of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, of Frederick, Md.; of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and of Rev. John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D., President of Franklin and Marshall College, were received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The several reports are as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Education met in annual session July 19, 1905, at 2 o'clock p. m., in St.

John Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa. The members were all present with the exception of Rev. I. N. Peightel, who was excused for his absence, and Rev. C. A. Santee, who had moved into the bounds of another Synod.

Under the consideration of unfinished business, it was made evident that the work committed by the Board to its members was attended to punctually and faithfully. The Treasurer's report shows the receipts to have been \$3,838.05, and that the same amount was expended. It also showed that the liabilities of the Board then were \$201.75. The report was audited and found to be correct.

Appropriations of one hundred and fifty dollars were made to each of the following students: Guy P. Bready, George Missel, A. G. Herman, Chalmers Walck, Ira S. Monn, Linden H. Rice, John A. Ditzler, Irwin S. Ditzler, Milton Whitner, Border Stanley, and to A. W. Barley. To each of the following new applicants the appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars was also granted: Charles A. Hewitt and John E. Boomershein.

The Treasurer was instructed to appeal to the loyal members of Zion's Classis to pay their part of the apportionment for beneficiary education even though the amount was not apportioned by said Classis.

The following overture to Synod was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board overture the Potomac Synod to allow the Board to use its own discretion as to requiring beneficiary students giving bonds, and that Prof. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., represent the Board at the meeting of Synod.

With reference to the overture of Juniata Classis, concerning the commutation of the assistance given to the students after ten years' service in the ministry, which overture was at the last meeting of Synod referred to the Board, the following action was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That after a student serves ten years in the ministry of the Reformed Church, his obligation to the Board shall be cancelled.

The next annual meeting of the Board will be held in Chambersburg, Pa., at the residence of Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., July 18, 1906, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The terms of the following members expire, viz: Revs. W. C. Cremer, D.D., I. N. Peightel and J. H. Hoffheins, D.D.

The unexpired term of Rev. C. A. Santee must also be filled at this meeting of Synod.

The Board requests an appropriation for the ensuing year of two thousand five hundred dollars.

The following is the organization of the Board: President, Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. John W. Pontius, and Treasurer, Rev. J. David Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL T. ROSSITER, *President.*

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer.

J. David Miller, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, July 25, 1904.....	\$	3	91
From Carlisle Classis.....		115	05
“ Mercersburg Classis		204	64
“ Maryland Classis		710	00
“ Gettysburg Classis		522	00
“ Juniata Classis		150	00
“ Virginia Classis		86	00
“ Emanuel’s Church, Hanover		50	00
“ Ed. Lingenfelter (refunded)		100	00
“ Rev. Chas. B. Rebert		30	00
“ First National Bank, Everett, Pa., (loan)		1,850	00
“ Advanced by Treasurer.....		16	45
			\$3,838 05

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Ed. S. Lamar.....	\$	150	00
“ Edw. A. G. Herman		150	00
“ George Missal		150	00
“ John H. Detrich		150	00
“ Vernon S. Rice		150	00
“ Chas. Edw. Myers		150	00
“ Dallas R. Krebs		150	00
“ Linden H. Rice		150	00
“ Milton Whitener		150	00
“ John A. Ditzler		150	00
“ Arthur W. Barley		150	00
“ Ira S. Monn		150	00
“ Irwin S. Ditzler		150	00
“ Chalmers W. Walck		150	00
“ First National Bank, Everett		1,738	05
			\$3,838 05

LIABILITIES.

Note in bank, due Sept. 6, 1905.....	\$161	95
Discount on loans.....	21	55
Advanced by Treasurer	16	45
Postage	1	80
		\$201 75

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER,
Treasurer of Board of Education.

Audited by REVS. W. C. CREMER and P. A. DeLONG.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In behalf of the Board of Regents of the Mercersburg Academy, it gives me great pleasure to report that the institution is in a highly flourishing condition. The total enrollment for the school year which closed on May 31st, 1905, was 360 boys, and 85 of these were regularly graduated and received their diplomas. The majority of the graduates, as well as a few boys from the lower classes, have entered college. Those who have not entered college have gone into business.

The financial report for the year which closed on May 31st, is as follows:

Total amount of tuition received.....	\$88,858 96
Total amount of school expenses.....	75,399 58
Clearings for the year.....	<u>\$13,459 38</u>

During the past year a number of subscriptions have been made by friends of the institution. The largest subscription, namely, the sum of \$5,000, was received from Mr. Israel Laucks, of York, Pa. This amount will be used to start a new dormitory for the Academy. The new dormitory will accommodate fifty boys and two instructors. It will be built of brick and trimmed with stone in Tudor-Gothic style. The total cost of the building will be about \$20,000. Ground has already been broken for the dormitory. It is the purpose of the Building Committee to dig the cellar and build the foundation this fall and finish the building next summer, so that it will be ready for occupancy by September, 1906.

The total amount of gifts received during the past year was something over \$10,000.

The original piece of ground upon which the institution stood when the present administration began is four acres in extent. The Academy by lease and purchase now controls more than one hundred acres. Recently a piece of ground, containing between five and six acres, on which the school infirmary has been built, was formally transferred by deed to the Academy. This ground has been rented and used by the Academy during a period of five years. It is the policy of the Trustees to pay for one piece of ground each year. By this method the Campus will gradually reach the proportions intended and no heavy burden will be felt by the management.

The enrollment for the present year at this time is 353 boys. These boys are gathered from the majority of the States in the Union and from several foreign countries, three boys

being present from India and one from China. At the opening of school this year many boys were refused admission, because we did not have room to receive them. If the new dormitory had been finished, it could easily have been filled with students. The Faculty at the present time numbers twenty-two men, not including the Registrar, office help, School Physician, Librarian, School Pastor, etc.

Aside from the building of Laucks Hall, the school management is quietly gathering from the friends of the institution, and especially from the old boys, subscriptions for the new gymnasium. It is hoped that the total amount of subscriptions gathered during the present year will be large enough to justify us in breaking ground for this building in the near future. The gymnasium is one of the greatest needs of the school at the present time.

It is the ideal of the Board of Regents to equip and endow this institution, which is the exclusive property of the Potomac Synod, to such an extent that it will stand the peer of any similar institution in the country. The property of the Academy is improving yearly in value. The Board of Regents desires the Potomac Synod to give to this institution its prayers, its boys and a fair share of its contributions.

The term of office of the following members of the Board of Regents expire at this time:

The Rev. M. O. Noll.

The Rev. F. F. Bahner, D.D.

The Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.

The Regents do not wish to dictate to the members of the Synod, but they wish to bear testimony, however, that the reelection of these three members would be helpful by reason of the fact that they are helping to carry certain obligations of the school at this time.

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College, of Frederick, Md., herewith presents its thirteenth annual report.

The Board was organized at the annual meeting in April by the election of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President; Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary, and Adrian C. McCardell, Treasurer.

It gives us pleasure to report that the year ending June 7th was successful; that better results in college work were secured than ever before, and that the Commencement was full of enthusiasm and inspiration.

The total enrollment of students was 158, of which number 62 were boarders.

Six were graduated in the A.B. Course, five in Piano, one in Voice, and four in Art.

The gross earnings for the year were \$22,463.63.

The gross expenditures for the year were \$22,325.11.

Receipts over expenditures, \$138.52.

Some accounts of preceding years found to be impossible of collection, were charged off to the amount of \$231.51, thereby reducing our assets to that extent.

The assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., on July 7th, 1905, were \$7,153.63.

All rentals of buildings are paid.

The several accounts of the Treasurer of the Board and the Treasurer of the Current Expenses have been examined and found correct.

The invested Endowment Fund is \$29,720.67.

The work of further endowment is in process of being accomplished. Among the encouraging facts to be named is the gift of \$5,000 by Maryland Classis. Up to this time there has been received in cash and reliable obligations nearly \$7,000.

The college buildings have been thoroughly renovated and are in excellent condition.

College Hall has been beautifully re-frescoed, new flooring leading from the front entrance to College Hall has been laid, and a "Modern Platform Fire Escape" has been erected on East Hall extending from the top floor to the ground, making the equipment of the institution complete in this respect. These improvements were made and paid for by the Board of the Frederick Female Seminary.

In order to properly preserve the renovated College Hall, to secure greater quiet throughout the building for study and to make better provision for the School of Expression, your Board has also leased the third story of Kemp Hall. The School of Art has now been transferred from the second to the third story, and the School of Expression has been removed to the second story, after the room had been suitably equipped for its special work.

The Kimball Pipe Organ secured several years ago has been paid for by the aid of generous friends.

A Gas Motor has recently been installed to operate the organ in place of hand power. It is an experiment which has not yet been fully tested.

The exhibit of the College at the St. Louis Exposition was awarded a Bronze Medal. A similar medal was awarded us at Buffalo and Charleston, so that this is the third honor of this kind won by competition.

The Pianos in the College, many of them worn out by long usage, to the number of twelve, were displaced by an equal number of "Stieff & Co. new School Pianos" of excellent quality. Provision is yet to be made for the expense incurred in making this exchange, which was necessary to secure proper results.

The College was re-opened on September 14th under favorable auspices with about the attendance of last year, though the enrollment for work in the regular College Classes is larger than in any preceding year.

The Faculty consists of twenty-five Teachers and Officers. A number of them spent their summer vacation in special study preparatory to the work of the new year.

The Curriculum as now outlined brings the College entrance examination up to the uniform standard of Colleges in America. This means more and harder work, but it also makes the diploma of greater value than heretofore.

We invite careful investigation as to the character and results of the work done. This College is pre-eminently the Child of the Church. As now organized and equipped we can equally well care for more students than we now have. Your Board is seeking to conduct its work so as to secure the best possible results, such as will cheer your hearts, multiply efficiency in Church workers, and enrich the homes of our land. We are thankful for the helpfulness of many friends, but we also need your active co-operation. Surely this College deserves no secondary place in your plans and provisions for the future.

The time of service of A. C. McCardell will expire with December 31st, 1905, and his successor should be chosen at this session of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

Frederick, Md., October, 1905.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Trustees of Catawba College presents its annual report:

The Board met in annual meeting May 30, 1905, and continued Joseph L. Murphy, President, and M. J. Rowe, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

We are pleased to report that the school year ending June 1, was very successful and highly satisfactory. The number of pupils enrolled was 163.

At the Commencement, five girls and three boys were graduated. The Governor of North Carolina, Hon. Robert B. Glenn, was present, and delivered the address. Two of the graduates will enter the Gospel ministry. Lee A. Peeler has entered the Ursinus School of Theology, and Fred W. Gray has gone to Richmond, Va., to study Theology with a view of becoming a minister in the Presbyterian Church.

The fall term opened September 6, and at present 102 pupils are enrolled. This number is distributed as follows: Seniors, 2; Juniors, 4; Sophomores, 7; Freshmen, 7; Academics, 76; Primary Department, 19; Special Students, 6; 47 of these are boarders. The number of music pupils is 28, while 17 are studying Elocution, and three are in the Art Department.

Instruction in Elocution is given without extra charge twice a week. However, special instruction is given in Elocution privately and in class, for which an extra fee is charged.

The following professors and teachers are in charge, viz:

Rev. George Albert Snyder, D.D., Professor of Philosophy, Ethics and Aesthetics.

Rev. J. Silor Garrison, Professor of English.

Jesse B. Leonard, Professor Latin and Mathematics.

William R. Weaver, Professor of Greek and German and Mathematics.

Samuel Losh, teacher in Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Miss Rosalie Rowe, teacher in Business Department.

Miss Bessie M. Hargett, teacher in Piano and Art.

Miss Leah Coleman, teacher in Elocution and Physical Culture.

Miss Annie Lowrance, teacher in Primary Department.

Rev. C. B. Heller is supplying for President Synder during his absence from the College.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees, action was taken to erect an addition to the present College building, which will add five recitation rooms and eighteen dormitory rooms, and to heat the same with steam.

The plan which was submitted by the President of the College contemplates changing the front of the building, and instead of having it front north, as at present, have it front east. The reason for this is that the campus extends in length north and south and the principal street is east of the College, so that all future improvements could properly be made with the building fronting east. The plan submitted was adopted, and after this plan was begun in the early summer, and at this time is continuing.

Part of these improvements consists of a three-story brick building, the lower floor of which will be used for recitation purposes, and the second and third floors for dormitories.

These improvements will give a new chapel 49 x 75 feet, exclusive of the platform. On either side of the platform will be small rooms, which can be used for piano practice. The building when completed, since it is joined to the old building, all halls being connected, will give most desirable accommodations and will worthily represent this Synod and the Reformed Church in the South. The frontage is 121 feet, with a depth of the main wing of 103 feet, and a further extension to the rear to provide for chapel, platform and retiring rooms of 27 feet. The brick work on the three-story building is completed, and the work on the other part is progressing in such a manner as to warrant the belief that the brick work will be completed within a few days from this date.

At a special meeting of the Trustees, held October 3, 1905, the fund of \$20,000, which had been given for the purpose of establishing a theological professorship in connection with the College, was, at the suggestion of the donor, changed to a fund to aid worthy young men studying for the Gospel ministry. By the conditions specified in this gift, the College is now in position to aid twelve young men to the extent of \$100 annually.

The total salary account for the collegiate year under contract is \$4,609. I herewith present a statement from M. J. Rowe, Treasurer of the College, showing the financial standing:

Old indebtedness of the College.....	\$ 3,684 00
Balance due on Dr. Trexler property.....	1,000 00
Due teachers to June 1st, 1905.....	535 00
Due on provisions to June 1st, 1905.....	295 00
Due Treasurer, the same advanced by him.....	280 00
	\$ 5,794 00

RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 1ST 1904, TO JUNE 1ST, 1905.

Interest on endowment	\$ 674 58
From Potomac Synod.....	1,087 77
On tuition, board, etc.....	6,113 88
From concert and other sources.....	62 80
	\$ 7,939 03
Uncollected tuition and board, etc.....	1,200 00
	\$ 9,139 03

DISBURSEMENTS.

Matron and help.....	\$ 227 80
Provisions	2,108 10
Teachers 1903-4	805 00
Teachers 1904-5	3,190 00
Fuel	227 27
Interest	112 00

Lumber and labor	394 93
Insurance	134 00
Rent	80 00
Traveling expenses	59 89
Advertising, periodicals, etc.....	110 78
Postage, stationery, etc.....	44 38
Merchants' accounts sundries.....	480 32
Treasurer's salary	100 00
Incidentals	248 40
Due Treasurer, cash report.....	116 60
	\$ 8,439 47
	5,794 00
	\$14,233 47
	9,139 93
Present indebtedness	\$ 5,093 54

EXTRA EXPENSES OF PAST YEAR.

Purchasing house and lot.....	\$ 1,200 00
Labor and lumber for improvements.....	394 93
	\$ 1,594 93
General endowment	9,150 00
Received on endowment from President Snyder.....	2,000 00
Alumni endowment fund.....	2,200 00
Received on Alumni fund.....	800 00
Endowment for Theological Professorship.....	20,000 00
Building fund	3,215 75
	\$36,365 75

On the amount apportioned by the Synod for the College, \$380 has been received during this synodical year, leaving a deficit of \$420 on the amount apportioned for the College.

The President reports that during this synodical year he has received in cash and pledges for the endowment fund, \$3,673.60. Of this amount, \$1,326 were in cash.

Counting all pledges received for the endowment fund as good, there still remains the sum of \$8,657 to be raised on the \$17,000 pledged by this Synod. The work of securing this fund has been slow, but we have confidence that Synod will raise it.

The College suffered a great loss in the death of Trustee S. T. Wilfong, who was called to his reward on October 1, 1905. At the time of his death he was Chairman of the Building Committee and had been giving his personal attention to the work.

The terms of office of the following Trustees expire in 1906, and it becomes the duty of this Synod to name their successors: Col. W. H. Williams, D. M. Carpenter, Rev. J. D. Andrew,

Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., G. T. Shower, M.D., and Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph.D.

It is also the duty of this Synod to name a person to fill out the unexpired term of the late S. T. Wilfong, whose term of office would have expired in 1908.

The Trustees at the annual meeting, in response to a request from your reverend body, took the following action:

WHEREAS, The attention of this body was called by one of its members to a certain action of Potomac Synod, requesting the Trustees of Catawba College to take such action as will bring about a change in the charter of the College so as to bring the College into organic relation with the Potomac Synod; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st, That we, as Trustees of Catawba College, reaffirm our full confidence in the solemn compact entered into between said Synod and North Carolina Classis, whereby the nominating power of all the Trustees of the College was transferred from North Carolina Classis to the Potomac Synod.

2d, That we do not consider ourselves competent to take the initiative action effecting such change of charter, but believe such power to be vested in North Carolina Classis.

I conclude this report by expressing the confidence and hope that a brighter day awaits your school in the South. The institution which has striven for existence through long years of trials and adversities is now entering upon an era of prosperity. I am not unmindful of the fact that this condition is due in no small degree to the interest manifested by this body and the fostering care which you have exercised over it.

For this manifestation of Christian sympathy and co-operation, you have the sincere thanks of those upon whom the work in the South has rested most heavily.

Again commending this school to your love, sympathy, prayers and financial support, I submit this report.

JOSEPH L. MURPHY,

President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully submits to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1904-1905.

1. The Seminary year began Sept. 15, 1904, and was continued without interruption to May 11, 1905. The new professors have given universal satisfaction, the Faculty have labored together zealously, and the students have engaged in their work with renewed courage and brighter hope. For this

we have every reason to be thankful to the great Head of the Church.

2. Ten students were admitted to the Junior class, all of whom are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College except two, Mr. McHose and Mr. Yearick. The latter is pursuing a partial course. The members of this class were advanced to Middlers after having passed a satisfactory examination. They are:

James Alfred Boehm,
Daniel David Brendle.
Lee Marcus Erdman,
Alfred Jasper Herman,
John Nathan LeVan,

Clarence Norton McHose,
Paul Bertram Rupp,
Charles Edgar Rupp,
Dennis Sipple,
Jonas Leidy Yearick.

3. The Middle class is composed of those who were reported last year as members of the Junior class, with the following exceptions. Mr. John F. Buchheit, who had discontinued his studies in the Seminary during the Middle year in order to teach, returned to the Seminary in Sept., 1904, and was admitted to this class. Two members of the class were advised to discontinue their studies for the ministry, of which fact due notice has been given to their respective Classes. One member of the class, Mr. Frederick Richards, departed this life, Aug. 16, 1904. This sad death added to the gloom which overshadowed the Seminary at the time. Mr. Richards was a zealous student, the youngest of his class and a "workman that needed not to be ashamed." After satisfactory examination the Middlers were advanced to the Senior class, except the two who were advised to discontinue.

4. The Senior class remains the same as a year ago. Mr. Marburger, of this class, by consent of the Faculty, was absent from the institution the whole year, having been called to the presidency of an Academy in New Berlin, Pa. He continued his studies, was examined with his class, and his examination was entirely satisfactory. But in view of his continued absence from the Seminary it was deemed best to withhold the testimonial. The usual testimonial was accorded the other members of the class.

John Hassler Detrich,
Charles F. Freeman,
E. Lewis Higbee,
C. Harry Kehm,
Henri L. G. Kieffer
Edward Sinn Lamar,

*William D. Marburger,
Charles Edward Meyers,
Samuel Edmund Moyer,
Wm. C. Rittenhouse,
Charles Edgar Roth,
Cyrus George Shupe,

Jacob Wm. Zehring.

Absent by permission,

5. The Faculty has exercised careful supervision over the conduct of the students and reports them in general to have

been diligent in study, gentlemanly in deportment and exemplary in life.

6. Four students are pursuing the post-graduate course, viz: Rev. Edwin S. Leinbach in the Senior year, and Rev. Wm. H. Brong, Rev. Jerome Leinbach, and Rev. Irwin D. Schell in the Junior year.

7. In November, 1904, the Faculty of the Seminary and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees suggested to Mrs. Barbara Swander, Tiffin, Ohio, the propriety of changing the Lectureship founded by her to a Professorship. In accordance with this suggestion Mrs. Swander cheerfully consented to the change proposed in the use of the Swander Memorial Fund, and authorized her husband, the Rev. John I. Swander, D.D., to represent her in the mutual arrangement of all the necessary details in the matter.

In order to effect the suggested change the Faculty submitted to the Board of Visitors, and through the said Board, with its approval, to the Synods, the following recommendations:

I. That the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, be requested to so modify their respective action relating to the Swander Lectureship, taken during their annual sessions, in the year 1900, as to permit and approve the changes herewith proposed.

II. That the fund now set apart for the endowment of a Lectureship having been completed in the sum of (\$30,000) thirty thousand dollars be converted into an endowment fund for the maintenance of the Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Professorship of Systematic Theology.

III. That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary be directed to change all securities which they now hold as a lectureship fund so as to conform to the professorship fund.

IV. That the Board of Visitors, with the approval of the three Synods above named, appoint Dr. Swander Associate Professor in the Department of Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that the services of Dr. Swander be such as shall be agreed upon by Professor Noss and himself, subject to the approval of the Faculty.

V. That the salary of the Associate Professor be the annual revenue derived from the invested fund; and should Mrs. Barbara Swander survive her husband the Board of Trustees, in further consideration of his professorial services, be directed to pay to her the sum of (\$1,200) twelve hundred dollars per annum during the remainder of her natural life.

The above recommendations were approved by the Board of Visitors and are respectfully submitted to your reverend body for such action as you may deem wise.

VI. Professor John M. Chambers served the Seminary as Professor of Oratory and arrangements were made with the Board of Trustees of the College to secure the continuance of his satisfactory labors. The Synods are hereby respectfully overtured to make provision for this purpose in the following sums: Eastern Synod, \$375; Pittsburgh Synod, \$125; Synod of the Potomac, \$250.

VII. The committee on the increase of the endowment of the Seminary has been continued, and the Faculty has appointed for the same work, Professors Richards and Noss, of the Eastern Synod, Professor Bowman, of the Pittsburgh Synod, and Professor Schaeffer, of the Synod of the Potomac.

VIII. The term of Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., of the Pittsburgh Synod, expires 1905.

IX. The officers of the Board are Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President, and Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 9, 1905.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find an abstract of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held May 11th, 1905, when the following officers were elected: President, John W. Appel, Esq.; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander and wife increased the "Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund" by the addition of Ten Thousand Dollars, upon which the Board passed the following resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board and of the Church are due to Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander and Barbara Swander for this additional gift and that the Board accept the gift with gratitude.

The second meeting was held October 10th, 1905.

The following minute on the death of Messrs. Heilman and Schriver was adopted by the Board.

It is with deep sorrow that the Board of Trustees makes record of the death of two of its members within the present

year, Mr. George G. Heilman, Heilmandale, Pa., and Mr. Jacob H. Schriver, Hanover, Pa.

Mr. Heilman was a noble representative of an old historic family in the Reformed Church. He was a man of positive, sterling character, and of a well-balanced judgment, though of quiet, retiring disposition. In his devotion to the Church he never faltered. For eighteen years he was a faithful member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, although for several years on account of increasing infirmities, he was unable to attend regularly the meetings of the Board.

He was just such a type of man as to give honor to the Seminary in having his name perpetually linked to it as one of the founders of the Theological Library Building.

Mr. Jacob H. Schriver, of Hanover, Pa., became a member of the Board in 1901.

His genial disposition and modest demeanor at once won the respect and friendship of his fellow-members. He accepted his office as a call to service, and he stood ready to help forward every movement looking toward the advancement of the Seminary's interest.

Although among the last elected to the membership of the Board, he gave promise of becoming one of its most active and efficient members.

The Church, as well as the immediate family, have cause to sorrow deeply over his very sudden demise.

The members of the Board, while they mourn the departure of Mr. Heilman and Mr. Schriver from this sphere of active service, hereby extend their sympathy to the bereaved families, and make grateful record of their appreciation of the worthy Christian character and valuable services of the deceased.

During the past year the Board purchased two lots of ground, one on the north of the present ground fronting on Frederick street for \$3,500.00, and one on the northeast corner of James and Pine streets for \$5,750.00. By the purchase of the first-named lot the grounds extend to another street and are now bounded by a street on each side. The second lot was necessary for the new professors' houses. The Board respectfully asks the approval of the purchase by the Synods.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Board:

WHEREAS, Ground has been secured for the erection of two professors' houses, one for the use of a professor of the Eastern Synod, and one for the use of a professor of the Potomac Synod,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the construction of said houses on the ground at the northeast cor-

ner of West James and Pine streets and recommends the appointment of a building committee, which shall superintend the construction of said houses, the committee to consist of nine members, three from the Seminary faculty, viz: Professors Gast, Bowman and Schaeffer, three from the Board of Trustees, viz: John B. Roth, Israel Laucks and William R. Barnhart, and three from the Synods, one from the Eastern Synod, one from the Potomac Synod and one from the Pittsburgh Synod, each Synod appointing its own representative at its next meeting, and

Resolved, That until other provision be made for the payment of the buildings, it is recommended that the Synods provide for the payment of the interest on the money expended in their construction in the proportion usually observed between the Synods. The following resolution was also adopted.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate \$3,600 toward the payment of the expenses of the Seminary in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod.....	\$1,800 00
Potomac Synod.....	1,200 00
Pittsburgh Synod.....	600 00

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

Treasurer's Report.

John B. Roth, Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DR.

For sundry interests and incomes received from October 1,	
1904, to October 1, 1905	\$ 8,317 80
1905.	
Oct. 1. Amount of balance due Endowment Fund.....	8,933 95
	\$17,251 75

CR.

By salary accounts and sundry bills paid per vouchers from	
October 1, 1904, to October 1, 1905.....	\$17,251 75

LIBRARY FUND OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

DR.

1904.	
Oct. 1. To amount of Fund—principal.....	\$ 1,819 96
1905.	
Jan. 5. For amount of bequest received from ex-	
ecutors of Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D.....	\$ 500 00
Less State tax and recording fees.....	26 60
	473 40
1905.	
Oct. 1. Amount of Fund	\$ 2,293 36

DR.

Mch. 31.	For interest on coal bond to Apr. 1, 1905..	\$ 15 00	
Apr. 4.	For interest on note to Apr. 1, 1905.....	2 50	
Sept. 13.	For interest on Fund to Oct. 1, 1905.....	66 98	
13.	For interest on coal bond to Oct. 1, 1905..	15 00	
			<u>99 48</u>

CR.

1904.			
Oct. 1.	By balance due treasurer of Fund.....	\$ 46 47	
8.	By bills paid per voucher.....	58 28	
			<u>104 75</u>

1905.			
Oct. 1.	Amount Dr. brought down.....	99 48	
	Balance due Treasurer of Fund.....	\$ 5 27	

SMALTZ FUND ACCOUNT, FOR BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Principal is	\$ 5,000 00
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DR.

1905.			
Oct. 1.	For interest on Fund to date.....	\$ 250 00	

CR.

Sept. 13.	By interest paid John Hertzler, Treas. of Beneficiary Board	250 00	
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WILLIAM A. WIEST FUND.

1905.			
Oct. 1.	Endowment	\$ 833 33	
	Interest on this Fund accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary	41 66	

SCHAFF PRIZE FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

1905.			
Oct. 1.	Amount of principal of Fund is.....	\$ 2,000 75	

DR.

1904.			
May 8.	For balance due Fund.....	\$ 3 31	
1905.			
May 8.	For interest on same to date.....	94 20	
			<u>97 51</u>

CR.

1905.			
May 8.	By amount paid prize, per award of com. to C. E. Myers	\$ 100 00	
	Express charge and purse	1 00	
			<u>101 00</u>
	Amount Dr. brought down	97 51	
May 8.	Amount due Treasurer of Fund.....	3 49	

SEMINARY CLASS '92.

1904.			
May 8.	Principal	\$ 486 68	

Dr.

1905.
May 8. For interest on bond to date.....\$ 24 15

Cr.

May 8. By amount paid Mr. Buchheit, per
award of Com.\$20 00
Charges paid 50
Balance added to principal.....20 50 3 65

May 8. Amount of principal May 8, 1905.....\$ 490 33

JACOB Y. DIETZ PRIZE FUND.

Principal\$ 2,000 00

Dr.

1905.
May 2. For interest on Fund to Apr. 1, 1905.....\$ 100 00

Cr.

May 8. By award of com. to Mr. Buchheit.....\$ 60 00
By Mr. Eyler 40 00
100 00

JACOB L. RIEGEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount of Fund\$15,680 00

1905.
Oct. 1. All interest on this Fund is accounted for in the
Treasurer's account of current expenses of the
Theological Seminary to Oct. 1, 1905.

JACOB FORNEY SEMINARY ALCOVE FUND.

Amount of Fund\$ 1,000 00

1904.

Dr.

Oct. 1. For amount balance due Fund.....\$ 51 27

1905.
Sept. 13. For interest due to Oct. 1, 1905.....45 00 96 27

Cr.

1905.
By bills paid per voucher.....30 50

1905.
Oct. 1. Balance due Fund\$ 65 77

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHARINE W. SCHRIVER LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

Amount of Fund\$ 1,000 00

Dr.

1904.
Oct. 1. For amount balance due Fund\$ 79 68

1905.
Oct. 1. For interest to Oct. 1, 1905.....45 00 124 68

CR.

1905.	By bills paid per voucher.....	11 11
1905.		
Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund	\$ 113 57

HENRY WIRT SEMINARY ALCOVE FUND.

1905.		
Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund	\$ 1,000 00

DR.

1904.		
Oct. 1.	For balance due Fund.....	\$ 59 19
1905.		
Oct. 1.	For interest to date	45 00
		\$ 104 19

CR.

1905.		
Mch. 20.	By bill paid per voucher.....	\$ 4 70

1905.		
Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund	\$ 99 49

JACOB Y. DIETZ LIBRARY FUND.

1904.		
Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund	\$ 4,000 00

DR.

1905.	For amount balance due Fund.....	\$ 100 00
May 1.	For interest to April 1, 1905.....	180 00
Sept. 13.	For interest to Oct. 1, 1905.....	90 00
		\$ 370 00

CR.

1905.		
	By bills paid per voucher.....	118 05

1905.		
Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund	\$ 251 95

SEMINARY CLASS '94 ALCOVE FUND.

1904.		
July 1.	Amount of notes placed in hands of Seminary Treasurer for collection	\$ 981 00

1905.		
Oct. 1.	Notes paid to date	\$ 563 00
	Notes unpaid to date	418 00
		981 00
	Amount of notes paid, brought down	\$ 563 00
	Amount of interest in hands of Treasurer as credit on Fund	132 10

1905.		
Oct. 1.	Total cash in hand	\$ 695 10

APPEL LOT ON JAMES STREET.

1904.		
Oct. 10.	Price paid for same	\$ 5,750 00

DR.

Dec. 19.	Paid on account	\$1,000 00
1905.		
Feb. 17.	Paid in full and deed	4,750 00
		<u>\$ 5,750 00</u>

CR.

May 11.	By cash paid on same by Pittsburgh Synod.....	350 00
		<u>\$ 5,400 00</u>

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

DR.

For amount received from—

1904.		
Oct. 18.	Treasurer of Potomac Synod	\$ 200 00
Oct. 19.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	163 70
Oct. 22.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	94 00
1905.		
Jan. 2.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	110 60
Mch. 22.	Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod	325 00
24.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	170 35
May 6.	Rev. H. J. Hillegas, Potomac.....	10 10
10.	Treasurer of Potomac Synod	150 00
25.	George Hill, Treas. E. Susq. Classis.....	98 71
June 5.	Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod	300 00
6.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	650 02
Sept. 16.	Treasurer of Potomac Synod	450 00
16.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	96 23
		<u>\$ 2,818 71</u>

CR.

1905.		
Oct. 1.	By amount paid interest on Funds as follows:	
	On \$8,150 97 due Seminary Endowment Fund,	
	On 763 00 due James Street lot,	
	On 775 00 due Evans lot,	
	On 1,391 30 due janitor's house,	
	On 5,750 00 due Appel lot,	
	<u>\$16,830 27</u>	697 75
	Balance due Aid Fund	<u>\$ 2,120 96</u>
1905.		
Sept. 18.	Balance due Aid Fund, charged to Treasurer as income	<u>\$ 2,120 96</u>

STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO OCTOBER 1, 1905.

	Amount of Endowment Fund, general..	\$96,131 29
July 6.	Amount received from Wilhelm estate per J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College	302 54
		<u>\$ 96,433 83</u>
	Endowment Fund—J. Riegel, special...	\$15,680 00
	Endowment Fund—W. A. Wilt, special.	833 33
		<u>\$112,947 16</u>

Library Fund.....	\$ 2,293 36
Smaltz Fund	5,000 00
Class '92 Prize Fund	490 33
Schaff Prize Fund	2,000 75
Jacob Forney Alcove Fund	1,000 00
Henry Wirt Alcove Fund	1,000 00
A. Keiser and C. W. Schriver Fund....	1,000 00
Seminary Class '94 Alcove Fund.....	981 00
J. Y. Dietz Library Fund	4,000 00
J. Y. Dietz Prize Fund	2,000 00
Pittsburg Synod Endowment Fund....	30,500 00
	\$163,212 60

PITTSBURGH SYNOD ENDOWMENT FUND.

1905.
Oct. I. Amount of Fund\$30,500 00
DR.

1905.
Oct. I. For interest received on same to Oct. I, 1905.....\$ 1,830 00
CR.

1905.
Oct. I. By amount paid Rev. Dr. John C. Bowman, Pitts-
burgh Synod Professor, per vouchers..... 1,830 00
Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH,

*Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the
United States.*

Lancaster, Pa., October 2, 1905.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Theological Seminary as presented by the Treasurer, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty assigned us and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
JOHN HERTZLER.

Lancaster, Pa., October 9, 1905.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

At the late Commencement of Franklin and Marshall College, the following degrees were conferred:

The degree of A.B. upon the following members of the Senior Class:

John Wilberforce Appel, Jr.	George Albright Land.
George Allen Bickel.	Roy Mumma Lehman.
Theodore Clarence Brown.	Wayne Kalbach Leinbach.
Colin Cameron, Jr.	Sylvester Kline Loy.
John Denlinger Charles.	James Martin Lohr.
Leon Drill Dayhoff.	Herbert Hoffer Risser.
Werner Elster DeTurck.	Paul Nicholas Schaeffer.
Oswin Stricker Frantz.	Isaiah Herr Seitz.
John Showalter Galt, Jr.	Mortimer Lawrence Shuford
Carl Leonard O. Gaul.	Warren Edwin Snyder.
William Wilson Heinitsh.	John Baer Stoudt.
Edgar Franklin Hoffmeier.	George Myron Swan.
Norman Louis Horn.	Robert John Titzel.
Arthur Hambleton Hull.	Rufus William G. Wint.
Allen Kilheffer.	William Nevin Yearick.

And the degree of Ph.B. upon the following:

Francis Thompson Ewing.
Lloyd Ephraim Strohm.
Landis Tanger.

The degree of A.M. for graduate work done in residence was conferred upon:

John Ahlum Schaeffer.
Roland Brubaker Styer.

At the request of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, the degree of B.D. was conferred upon the Rev. Edwin S. Leinbach.

The degree of A.M. in course was conferred upon the following:

William. Krichbaum, '95.	David I. Schaeffer, '98.
William L. Smith, '95.	Charles E. Haupt, Jr., '00.
Glenn C. Heller, '98.	Charles A. Lauffer, '00.
Walter K. Baer, '01.	J. C. Petre, '02.
William K. Kretchman, '01.	Charles E. Roth, '02.
Oliver Scott Schaeffer, '01.	C. George Shupe, '02.
Everett H. Sperow, '01.	Luther F. Stoudt, '02.
John F. Buchheit, '02.	Calvin N. Wenrich, '02.
Daniel L. Evans, '02.	William R. Weaver, '02.
Ira L. Frankenfield, '02.	Henry C. Welker, '02.
Albert V. Lampe, '02.	John P. Wentling, '02.
John B. Ludy, '02.	Arthur L. Yoder, '02.
William D. Marburger, '02.	Ralph E. Yoder, '02.
Jacob W. Zehring, '02.	

The following honorary degrees were conferred:

D.D.
Rev. Prof. Melancthon Coover.
Rev. Thomas S. Land.
Litt.D.
Theodore Wright, Philadelphia.

On the whole, the condition of the College during the past year has been prosperous. The number of students enrolled was 186 in the College and 185 in the Academy, as over against 180 in the College and 184 in the Academy during the previous year.

At the beginning of the present year there is a large increase in the number of students. Seventy-six new students were enrolled; the actual attendance is 188; and the enrollment for the year will exceed 200. This shows that the work done in the field is not only securing funds for the College, but is also making the College better known, and, notwithstanding the keen rivalry of competing colleges, is adding largely to its patronage.

During the summer vacation the Chapel of the College was greatly improved and beautified. The walls were frescoed,

new windows were put in, the floors newly carpeted, the lighting facilities improved, and an electric motor secured for the organ. The improvements cost about \$2,000, of which sum St. Stephen's Church undertook to provide about \$1,700. The motor was paid for out of a special fund raised for this purpose by Mrs. J. B. Kieffer.

The work of instruction has been faithfully carried out, all the professors having diligently attended to their work. Dr. Dubbs received leave of absence from the beginning of April that he might enjoy a well-deserved period of rest in foreign travel. Profs. Schiedt, Wagner and Hartman also spent their summer vacation in Europe, and the rest and inspiration received in this way will, no doubt, inure to the great advantage of their work in behalf of the College.

The only difficulty experienced during the year in the maintenance of good order was in the occurrence of several cases of hazing, one of which proved of a rather serious character. The action of the Faculty, taken in consultation with the Board of Trustees Committee on Discipline, to inflict such punishment as under the circumstances seemed expedient, and to give public notice that, hereafter, all cases of hazing should be turned over for prosecution and punishment to the civil authorities is in force, and it is expected that it will reach the end in view.

1. It will be remembered that in 1893, at the suggestion of the Faculty, the Board of Trustees abolished the conferring of the honorary degrees of A.M. and Ph.D. and instituted an arrangement by which these degrees could be secured for work done under the supervision of the Faculty with such regulations and safeguards as might seem necessary. The whole subject was brought up again by the action of the Advisory Council of Alumni taken last year, and the Faculty this year submitted to the Board of Trustees the following action.

1. That we owe it to ourselves as well as to the aspirants for such a degree, to petition the Board of Trustees to abolish the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) after the scholastic year of 1906-1907, and to order the passage relating to this degree to be omitted from the next catalogue.

2. In compliance with the request of the Advisory Council of Alumni we suggest to the same Board to abolish after the present year the conferring of the Master's degree in course hitherto given to our own graduates three years after graduation. Instead we suggest:

1. That the Master's degree be given one year after graduation to resident students, or two years after graduation to non-resident students, who have completed a course of grad-

uate study, consisting of one major and one minor covering not less than ten recitation hours in the former and five recitation hours in the latter case, and have presented an original thesis on the major subject, satisfactory to the professor in charge.

2. That the major course shall consist of strictly post-graduate work in any branch, undergraduate preparation of which has been completed under the chief requirements of the specific undergraduate degree.

3. That the minor course may consist of undergraduate work more thoroughly elaborated.

4. That each member of the Faculty be requested to write out what he considers his chief undergraduate requirements, and in connection therewith present a scheme covering the major and minor requirements for the Master's degree in his department.

The Board of Trustees acted favorably on the propositions submitted, and the policy of the College in the future will be shaped accordingly.

II. The Faculty recommended to the Board of Trustees that in the appointment of a Physical Instructor special attention be given as to his ability to give regular physical training to all the students in the gymnasium during the regular periods assigned for this purpose. Steps have been taken to make gymnasium practice as efficient as possible, and improvements have been made in the building with this end in view.

III. The Rev. Dr. Elmer E. Powell, who for the last five years filled the Chair of Modern Languages, handed in his resignation with a view to the acceptance of a position as Professor of Philosophy in Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Powell rendered faithful and effective service, and we parted with him with regret. The resignation was accepted, and the vacancy caused by this resignation was filled by the election of Frank Clifton Smith, Ph.D.

IV. The salary of Prof. C. Nevin Heller was increased by \$150, so as to be \$1,350. Prof. Heller has been Assistant Professor of Ancient Languages since 1895 and has done excellent work. His abundant and successful labors in the College deserve recognition, and the cost of living in Lancaster and his family expenses are such as to make an increase of salary exceedingly desirable.

V. Prof. John Milton Chambers was again appointed, in connection with the Theological Seminary, as Professor of Oratory on the same terms as last year; and Prof. Herbert H. Beck was elected Assistant Professor of Chemistry, the salary and conditions to be the same as agreed upon last year.

VI. During the past year a number of additions have been secured to the Museum, and progress has been made in the securing of cases for its equipment. It was found that the Wistar Institute, of Philadelphia, was putting steel cases in its museum, and a number of excellent wooden cases were therefore offered for sale. As there was some money available for the purpose, it was felt that these cases ought to be secured, and they are now set up in the Museum and appear to be admirably adapted for our purpose. They cost \$660, and it is hoped that we shall be able to purchase additional cases and have the specimens of the College, as well as those of the Linnean Society, arranged in order. During the summer vacation Prof. Beck spent a great deal of time on the classification and arrangement of our geological and mineralogical specimens, and with the new cases secured and in prospect, we shall soon have a very fine collection in our Museum.

VII. The finances of the College are in good condition. The details of the year's operations appeared from the Treasurer's report and the report of Mr. Hartman, assistant to the President, who has been conducting the canvass in the field for the increase of the endowment. It is encouraging to see that the excess of expenditures over income during the past year is not as great as it was during previous years. During the year 1903-1904 there was a deficit of \$4,655.21. During the year 1904-1905 the deficit was only \$2,992.72. This, as I have said, is encouraging; but still it is a deficit, and it is highly important that the canvass for the \$150,000 to be added to the endowment be pressed to its successful conclusion, and that as speedily as possible.

VIII. Two circumstances have arisen to complicate the situation and to make strenuous efforts for the securing of additional funds highly important. Some time ago we made application to Mr. Andrew Carnegie for a contribution, stating that the three objects most needed at the present time were an increase of the endowment fund, the erection of a new Academy building, and the erection of a students' dormitory. Mr. Carnegie replied, generously offering either \$30,000 as a contribution to the endowment fund, or \$37,500 to the erection of a new Academy building, on condition that a similar amount be raised by the College for the same purpose. In consultation with the Finance Committee and the local Trustees it was felt that the offer of \$37,500 toward the erection of a new Academy building was on the whole, most advantageous to the College. The \$150,000 additional endowment, we feel confident, will be secured if the work is pressed to its conclusion as it has now been carried forward in the different Synods. A new Academy building will se-

cure to the College a large number of new students and thus increase the income from students' fees; at the same time that it will offer better facilities for the education of the boys and young men who look forward to a course in College. In addition to this, an increased number of students will secure for the College, under the new arrangement which will necessarily have to be effected, a considerable income from the Academy which will be, virtually, the securing of interest from the money put into the Academy building as so much additional endowment to the College. In view of this fact, it was agreed to accept Mr. Carnegie's offer, and the Board of Trustees approved of this action.

IX. The growth of Lancaster city toward the west and northwest is enhancing the value of real estate in that portion of the city, and the land which surrounds the grounds of the College is rapidly being put on the market and will soon be built up. A tract of land to the west of the College grounds was thus put upon the market, and as this was perhaps the last opportunity to secure it at a much more reasonable rate than it could be had hereafter, the College was virtually forced to make arrangements for buying this ground. The Finance Committee and local Trustees, therefore, made arrangements to secure this ground for the College at a cost of \$32,000, and the Board of Trustees approved the purchase. This will necessitate the raising of an additional amount to meet the emergency.

It will be seen, therefore, that the present conditions are such as to require special effort on the part of all friends of the College. The opportunities before us are great, and this is the time to secure advantages which will prove of permanent benefit to the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR,

President Franklin and Marshall College.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Friday morning, which report was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Education begs leave to report as follows:

The following documents were referred to it: The annual report of Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary; the report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary; the report of the Board

of Visitors; the report of the Joint Committee of Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods to co-operate with the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees in an effort to increase the endowment of the Seminary; a report of the Faculty of the Seminary with reference to a movement looking toward the increase of the number of students for the ministry and the larger endowment of the Seminary; the catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College; the report of Rev. J. S. Stahr, D.D.; the report of the Board of Regents, Mercersburg Academy; the report of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.; the report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College; the catalogue of the same institution; the catalogue of Franklin and Marshall Academy; the catalogue of Massanutten Academy; the report of the Board of Education of Potomac Synod, and the report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

From the several documents relating to the work of the Theological Seminary, we learn that the Swander Memorial Fund has been changed from a lectureship to a professorship; that the three Synods are requested to so modify their respective action relating to the Swander lectureship taken during their annual session in the year 1900 as to permit and approve the changes herewith proposed; that Prof. John M. Chambers is continued as Professor of Oratory in the Seminary, and that Synod is asked to assume \$250 toward his support; that the committee on the increase of the endowment of the Seminary has been continued, and that the Faculty appointed for the same work certain members of its body; that the Board of Trustees during the year purchased two lots of ground, the one lot to be added to the Seminary campus, the other to be used for the erection of Professors' houses; that said Board has authorized the construction of these houses and recommends the formation of a committee of nine to superintend the construction of said houses; that the Synod provide for the payment of the interest on money expended in their construction in the proportion usually observed between the Synods; that Potomac Synod is requested to apportion \$1,200 towards the payment of the annual expenses of the Seminary.

I. *Resolved*, That Synod approves the plan outlined in the report of the Board of Visitors to change the Swander lectureship to a professorship and adopts the same.

II. *Resolved*, That Synod approves of the continuance of Prof. Jno. M. Chambers as Professor of Oratory, and assumes \$250 towards his support.

III. *Resolved*, That the action of the Joint Committee of the three Synods and the Board of Trustees and of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary in appointing the several professors

as a committee on the increase of the endowment, be approved.

IV. *Resolved*, That Synod approves the action of the Board of Trustees in the purchase of two lots of ground.

V. *Resolved*, That Synod approves the proposition of the Board of Trustees for the erection of two Professors' houses, and hereby designates Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., as its representative on the committee to superintend their construction.

VI. *Resolved*, That Synod agrees to accept its portion of the apportionment to provide for the payment of the interest on the money expended in the erection of said houses, viz: one-third.

VII. *Resolved*, That Synod assumes \$1,200 towards the annual expenses of the Seminary.

From President Stahr's report, we learn that the present year was commenced under very favorable conditions, the increase in the number of students being very marked; that 76 new students were enrolled; that the actual attendance is 188, and that the enrollment for the year will exceed 200; that the chapel of the College was greatly improved and beautified during the summer; that a change has been instituted in the conferring of degrees; that additions have been made to the equipment of the College; that a new Academy Building is contemplated; that the work of raising the \$150,000 additional endowment is being steadily prosecuted, and that additional ground was purchased by the authorities of the College.

I. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the marked prosperity of the College, and pledges its heartiest co-operation in the effort to enlarge the efficiency, the growth and the influence of the institution.

II. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices with the College in the generous offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie of the sum of \$37,500 to the erection of a new Academy Building, and hereby gratefully acknowledges the same.

III. *Resolved*, That Synod requests its pastors and people to co-operate in so far as practicable with the representatives of the College in raising this year the Synod's share of \$150,000 for additional endowment.

IV. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod appoints a committee of one in each Classis which did not appoint such committee at their last annual meeting to co-operate in this work.

From the report of the Board of Regents of the Mercersburg Academy, we learn that the enrollment during the past year was 360; that 85 of these were regularly graduated and received their diplomas; that the clearings for the year were over \$13,000; that a new dormitory is in process of erection;

that the Board is aggressive and has the ideal set before it of making the Academy the peer of any similar institution in the country.

I. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the remarkable growth and prosperity of the Academy, and hereby expresses its appreciation of the industry and wisdom and tact of those into whose care the institution has been committed.

II. *Resolved*, That Synod takes pride in the location of a school so worthy within its bounds, and hereby pledges its hearty support to the attainment of still greater growth and more marked efficiency.

From the report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, we learn that the past year was successful; that better results in College work were secured than ever before; that the total enrollment of students was 158; that the net profit for the year was \$138.52; that the work of further endowment is in process of being accomplished; that the exhibit of the College at the St. Louis Exposition was awarded a Bronze Medal; that the equipment of the school along various lines was made more complete.

I. *Resolved*, That Synod agrees with the Board of Directors in the thought that the College deserves no secondary place in the plans and provisions of Synod for the future, and hereby urges the claims of the College upon the parents for the higher education of their daughters.

II. *Resolved*, That permission is hereby given to the Board of Directors to so change the charter of the College as to increase the number of said Board by the addition of two members chosen by the five who shall be elected by Potomac Synod as heretofore.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, we learn that the past school year was very successful and highly satisfactory; that the number enrolled was 163; that eight of this number were graduated; that action has been taken to erect an addition to the present College Building; that the fund of \$20,000 given for the purpose of establishing a Theological Professorship was changed, with the consent of the donor, to a fund to aid worthy young men studying for the ministry; that Classes failed to pay full amount apportioned for the College; that over \$8,000 of the amount pledged by Synod remains yet to be raised; that the Trustees of the College did not see their way clear to so change the charter, as requested by Synod, as to bring the College into organic relation with the Synod.

I. *Resolved*, That in the present stage of development in the affairs of Catawba College, we recommend that there be no disturbance of present relations.

II. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the forward movement that has been taken to place Catawba College in a position the better to fulfil its mission of ministering to the educational needs of the South.

III. *Resolved*, That the several Classes again be urged to pay in full their apportionment for Catawba College, and that pastors be urged to give all possible assistance toward increasing the endowment of the College.

IV. *Resolved*, That this Synod requests and urges North Carolina Classis to direct the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the College to make to the Treasurer of Synod a full and definite statement of all funds contributed to the endowment of Catawba College as pertains to the pledge of Synod, setting forth the investments of the funds, in whose custody said investments are to be found, so that the Board of Trustees of the Synod may have knowledge of the same.

From the report of the Board of Education, we learn that the receipts for the year were \$3,838.05; that 13 young men are receiving aid at present. We learn further, that the Board desires permission to use its own discretion in the matter of requiring beneficiary students to give bonds, and that action was taken by the Board with reference to an overture referred to it by Synod. Also, that \$2,500 is requested for the coming year.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod allows the Board hereafter to use its own discretion in accepting the personal obligation of beneficiary students, without bond, and in giving aid from the beginning of the Freshman year.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod approves of the action of the Board that after a student serves ten years in the ministry of the Reformed Church his obligation to the Board shall be cancelled.

3. *Resolved*, That the request for \$2,500 be accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the Classes.

P. A. DeLONG,
J. S. KIEFFER, D.D.,
E. R. ESCHBACH, D.D.
ISRAEL LAUCKS,
J. GASSMAN.

The President appointed the following persons on the committee called for in resolution 4 of the Report of the Committee on Education, Franklin and Marshall College:

Zion's Classis, Rev. R. L. Bair; Mercersburg Classis, Rev. E. O. Keen; Virginia Classis, Rev. T. J. Hacker, D.D.; North Carolina Classis, Rev. J. H. Keller; Gettysburg Classis, Rev. J. H. Smith; Juniata Classis, Rev. C. F. Althouse.

Endowment of Woman's College.

The Committee on the Endowment of the Woman's College presented the following report. It was received, read and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee charged to co-operate with the Board of Directors of the Woman's College in the matter of the increase of the endowment of the college respectfully reports that on November 4, 1904, the committee held a conference with President Apple and organized its membership and the work entrusted to it.

This beginning was made in an atmosphere of bright hope. After having listened attentively to the discussion of the interests of the College by your Reverend Body at Everett and closely following the action taken by you there, Mr. Israel Laucks, a member of the Synod, had volunteered to start the new movement by a gift of five hundred dollars. This offer he has since increased to one thousand dollars. He had also suggested that twenty such gifts as his, in its original amount, would accomplish the Synod's purpose.

Your committee at once planned in accord with this suggestion. An effort was made to secure the services of a desirable man who might give his chief attention to the canvass of the Synod, under the direction of President Apple. Not one of the men who were in the mind of the committee was found available for this service and the effort was abandoned.

In May, 1905, the Maryland Classis generously arose to the occasion. This body, to whom the Synod, of course, has reason to look for leadership among all the Classes in devotion to the interests of the Woman's College, quietly and deliberately resolved to pay five thousand dollars from its treasury to the endowment fund of the College, instead of opening its territory to the canvass as originally contemplated.

These two gifts are the largest results that your committee is able to trace to your action of last year. We wish that we might with authority declare that they are the first-fruits of a harvest of glad and free-handed gifts by the Church to the cause which the Woman's College lives to serve. May we not at least plead with the Synod to renew and to increase for another year the effort to gather the ten thousand dollars which the generous-hearted individual supporter of the Woman's College has by the offer of five thousand challenged us to consecrate to this cause. The total returns from your action at Everett are: Cash received, \$6,350; pledges, \$65; total, \$6,415.

Your committee is persuaded that this cause of Woman's Education, which the Synod for twelve years has been seeking

to advance in decided and devoted ways, has a permanent claim upon the Church of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Synod cannot in the case before it abandon this incomplete response to a worthy challenge and still preserve its highest self-respect and its fullest enthusiasm in every other good work.

In consequence of the course of action followed by your committee, as already indicated, only the one meeting of the committee was called. President Apple was frequently in conference with the individual members of the committee. Each member rendered such service as the president of the College indicated to him; and, as a committee, we feel that we have done what we could. We are therefore ready to return to your Reverend Body the trust which you committed to us.

The incidental expenses of our work have been met thus far by the College and no demands have been made upon your treasury.

F. A. RUPLEY, JR.,
M. O. NOLL.

Catawba College.

President George A. Snyder, D.D., presented the following as an account of his work as agent to raise the \$10,075.16 due on the \$17,000 endowment promised by Synod:

To the Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Having been entrusted with the responsibility of canvassing the Synod for the purpose of meeting its obligation toward the endowment fund of Catawba College, the deficit on the same at the last meeting being \$10,075.16, with arrearage on interest of \$2,654.13, I beg leave to submit the following:

Upon leaving Synod, at Everett, Pa., I continued the work of presenting the claims of Catawba College in Juniata Classis in all the charges which opened to me. I also visited one charge in the Classis of Gettysburg. In all these charges I was most cordially received, and quite a number responded in an encouraging manner. This work covered the time up to the 12th of December. At this time I returned to Newton, where on account of my duties in connection with Catawba College, I was required to remain until the middle of July, when I came north and visited three charges, two in Gettysburg Classis and one in Zion's Classis. In addition to this, Prof. J. Silor Garrison visited two charges in Maryland Classis in this same interest, where he was kindly received, and where he succeeded in increasing the interest in Catawba College. The total time given to this canvassing was about ten weeks, and I am privileged to report having secured in cash and obligation \$1,418.05, which

amount added to the amount previously raised for this same purpose leaves \$8,657.11 as a deficit on the amount of \$17,000.00 obligated by Synod.

While there may be disappointment in the report herewith submitted that no larger amount has been raised, it must be remembered that the character of the work in connection with the presidency of Catawba College was such that not much time could be given to the specific work of canvassing in the interest of the endowment fund.

I desire also to report that owing to the special work of enlarging Catawba College and equipping the same in a proper way, the time and energy of the president must of necessity be given to this work, that funds may be secured for the immediate use of the College, and for the time being the increase of the endowment fund must take second place.

Thanking your honorable body for all encouragement hitherto given to Catawba College, and praying for an open door to the claims of this College of the Reformed Church in the South, I respectfully submit this report.

GEORGE ALBERT SNYDER.

The committees on items 1, 12, 13 and 17 (Minutes of Synod), reported. Their several reports were read and adopted as follows:

Inauguration of Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer.

Report of the Committee on the Installation of Prof. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., at Lancaster, Pa.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee appointed at the special meeting of Synod held at Carlisle, June 14 and 15, 1904, begs to offer its final report. As reported last year, the call was extended to Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., in accordance with your instruction, and he accepted the same. During the current Synodical year we also attended to the additional duty of arranging for and installing him to his office as Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Theology.

The installation services were held in connection with those of Rev. Christopher Noss, Eastern Synod's Professor of Systematic Theology, on Friday, Jan. 13, 1905, in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster. The following was the program of the installation services, as arranged for by your committee in connection with Eastern Synod's committee:

Invocation, Rev. John M. Schick, D.D.; hymn, No. 365; reading of Rom. 10-17, and prayer, by Rev. John A. Hoffheins, D.D.; hymn announced by Rev. J. Harvey Mickley; reading of the Call, by Rev. E. Ranson Deatrick, B.D.; reading of the

letter of acceptance, by the Rev. I. N. Peightel; charge to the Professor-elect, by Rev. M. O. Noll; administration of the oath of office, by the Rev. Joseph W. Santee, D.D.; inaugural address, by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D.; closing hymn, 477, followed by doxology; closed with benediction by Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D.

The following item of expenses were incurred: Expenses of the committee, Rev. E. R. Deatruck, \$3.50; Miles O. Noll, \$7.00. We therefore ask that your treasurer be authorized to pay these expenses. We also ask that your treasurer be instructed to pay Prof. W. C. Schaeffer's rent amounting to \$25.00 per month out of the apportionment made for the payment of our share of the lots purchased by the Board of Seminary Trustees, until the new house he is to occupy is completed.

Respectfully submitted,

MILES O. NOLL,
E. R. DEATRICK.

The Board of Visitors of this Synod have to report that the inaugural addresses of Profs. Bowman, Schaeffer and Noss were published in good form at a total cost of \$258.65, and that our portion was one-third of said amount, namely, \$86.22, for which sum we ask an order on the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of Board,

Oct. 18, 1905.

E. R. ESCHBACH.

Seminary Day.

The committee appointed to confer with similar committees of the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., respectfully report as follows:

Your committee met the committees of the above Synods and the Faculty, January 12, 1905, in the Reading Room of the Theological Seminary, and after due consideration of the subject, unanimously agreed to the designation of the first Lord's day in September of each year as Seminary Day.

The expenses of the committee were promptly paid by the treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Chairman*.

Endowment of the Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee appointed a year ago (vide p, 59, Minutes of 1904) to co-operate with a committee of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., to increase the endowment of the Seminary, report

that we have attended to the duty. The two members of the committee, whose names are attached to this report, attended the meeting of all the several committees at Lancaster, Pa. Two sessions were held on the 12th and 13th of last January. The results of those meetings are embodied in the report of the chairman and secretary of the joint committee, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK,
F. L. KERR.

DEAR BRETHREN: The Joint Committee of the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, appointed a year ago, at the request of the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Seminary and the Eastern Synod, to co-operate with these bodies in an effort to increase the endowment of the Seminary, met at the call of the Rev. C. B. Schneder, Chairman of the Committee of the Eastern Synod, in the Reading Room of the Seminary Building at Lancaster, Pa., January 12th, 1905, all the Synods concerned and the Faculty, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees being represented.

The committee organized by the election of Rev. C. B. Schneder, Chairman, and Rev. E. R. Deatrick, Secretary.

After long and careful consideration, and a full interchange of views, a sub-committee, consisting of Revs. D. B. Lady, D.D., H. H. Ranck and E. R. Deatrick, was appointed to formulate the views of the meeting, and report the next morning. At the meeting on the 13th, the report of this sub-committee was presented, discussed, and, with slight modifications, adopted, and made the action of the Joint Committee and other bodies represented. It is hereby presented to the Synods interested:

WHEREAS, We have learned that for a number of years the income of the Seminary from invested funds, has not been sufficient to meet current expenses; and that the Board of Trustees has been obliged to borrow considerable sums from time to time; and that to meet in part these deficits and interest charges, the Synods have been raising money year by year by apportionment; and that these apportionments have been steadily increasing until they have become onerous; that the apportionments have not been fully paid; and that the needs of the Seminary are constantly increasing; we recommend the following action:

Resolved, 1, That for the present the apportionment for the Seminary be continued, and that it be so adjusted by the Synods and Classes that the whole amount asked for by the Trustees be secured.

Resolved, 2, That for debts already incurred, for present requirements and for immediate needs the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be raised; and that for prospective demands of the Seminary an additional sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be secured.

Resolved, 3, That the matter of raising these funds be committed, so far as the territory of the Eastern Synod is concerned, to Rev. Prof. G. W. Richards, D.D., together with such help as that Synod may provide; to Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman, D.D., in the territory of the Pittsburgh Synod; and to Rev. Prof. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., in the territory of the Synod of the Potomac, under like conditions.

Resolved, 4, That in the effort to secure these funds, persons of means be first challenged, and that this plan be then followed, if necessary, by a general canvass.

This report is respectfully submitted to the Synods.

C. B. SCHNEDER, *Chairman.*

E. R. DEATRICK, *Secretary.*

September 19th, 1905.

Report of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary.

To the Three Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, at their last annual meetings, appointed committees to meet jointly and consider the general needs of the Theological Seminary. These committees met at Lancaster in January, 1905, and referred their unanimous counsel and judgment to the Faculty of the Seminary, with the request that they organize, and, so far as possible, carry into effect a movement looking toward the increase of students for the ministry, and the larger endowment of the Seminary.

The Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees in joint session, last May, reiterated and confirmed the counsel and action of the Synodical committees.

In pursuance of the foregoing action on the part of the Synodical Committees and the Boards of the Seminary, the Faculty at once began to organize the forward movement in behalf of the Seminary.

Committees were appointed to represent the several Classes of the three Synods, who shall co-operate with the Seminary Faculty in their effort to increase the number of students for the ministry, and to secure funds for the adequate endowment of the Seminary.

Under the instructions of the Synodical committees, a leaflet on "Seminary Day" was prepared by a committee of the Faculty, and copies were sent to all the ministers of the three Synods.

The Faculty recommend the issuance of a similar leaflet from year to year, with the view to keep before the mind of the ministry, people, and especially the young men of the Church, the great need of increasing the ranks of the Christian ministry. These leaflets should serve as a text for discussion on the floor of Synods and Classes and especially as an aid to enforce the counsel of pastors in their pulpit, catechetical and Sunday-school instruction.

With regard to the matter of making provision for the financial relief of the Seminary by liquidating the present indebtedness and by enlarging the endowment fund, so as to place the institution on a self-sustaining basis, the Faculty feel that much may be accomplished by the prompt co-operation of our ministry and people.

The members of the Faculty are willing to devote a just portion of their time and labor to this work; and have arranged to have one of their body spend a considerable part of the present year in the direct effort to enlist the help of our ministry and people. Already a very encouraging sum has been pledged by our ministry, and it is hoped that within the course of a few months fully \$25,000 will be pledged toward the increased endowment as an offering from the ministry alone.

Our ministry leading the way with such a spirit of devotion, liberality and self-sacrifice, we feel well assured that the friends of the Seminary among the laity will gladly follow their noble example.

The Faculty of the Seminary would kindly urge our ministry and people generally to hold themselves in readiness to fall promptly in line, with the view to consummate as soon as possible a movement which has been so favorably begun, and which is so full of promise for our Theological Seminary and the various interests which it pre-eminently represents.

Respectfully submitted by a committee of the Faculty,

JOHN C. BOWMAN,
WM. C. SCHAEFFER,
GEORGE W. RICHARDS.

October 10, 1905.

The Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay Prof. W. C. Schaeffer's rent, amounting to \$25 per month, out of the apportionment made for the payment of the lots, until the new house is completed.

At the election of members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday afternoon, Revs. W. C. Cremer, D.D., I. N. Peightel, J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., were elected members of the Board of Education for three years, and Rev. J. P. Harner for two years; Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F.

Bahner, D.D., J. S. Kieffer, D.D., were elected members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for three years, and Rev. J. B. Shontz for two years; Elder A. C. McCardell was chosen Director of the Woman's College for five years; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for one year; Robert L. Motter member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary for five years, and C. M. Wolff, Esq., for one year to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Jacob H. Schriver.

Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D., C. S. Slagle, and Messrs. W. H. Williams, D. H. Carpenter, E. Cornman and Edward Schrum were nominated for Trustees of Catawba College to be elected by the Classis of North Carolina, for three years, and Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph.D., and J. D. Andrew for two years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and the date of the expiration of their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, D.D., I. N. Peightel, J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., 1908; Revs. J. T. Rossiter, D.D., J. P. Harner, P. A. DeLong, 1907; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., J. D. Miller, J. W. Pontius, 1906.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.—Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F. Bahner, D.D., J. S. Kieffer, D.D., 1908; Revs. C. Clever, D.D., J. B. Shontz, and Elder A. R. Schnebley, 1907; Rev. I. N. Peightel and Elders E. J. Bonebrake and J. Gassman, 1906.

DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE.—Elder A. C. McCardell, 1910; Elder John Gassman, 1909; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., 1908; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1907; Elder W. H. Lakin, 1906.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., J. W. Santee, D.D., 1908; Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., T. J. Barkley, D.D., 1906.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Elders E. A. Shullenberger, Robert L. Motter, 1910; Elders S. N. Hensch, I. Laucks, 1908; Elders C. M. Wolff, J. B. Shullenberger, 1906.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1913; Peter C. Wiest, 1911; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., A. S. Weber, D.D., 1910; J. W. Wetzel, Esq., 1909; W. J. Zacharias, Esq., 1907.

ARTICLE XIV. MISSIONS.

The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions, and of the Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Monday evening. The report was received, read, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. These reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S. *To the Synod of the Potomac:*

BRETHREN: We lay before you our annual report, with gratitude to God for the prosperity of the work under our care during the year.

Nearly all of the thirty-six missions in the two Eastern Synods have shown encouraging growth, and it is a great pleasure to add that three of them, namely, Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa., Christ Church, Norristown, Pa., and Christ Church, Baltimore, Md., respectively under pastors M. H. Sangree, Benoni Bates, and G. R. Poetter, became self-supporting April 1st, 1905. The spirit of liberality, shown both in the self-help and in the benevolence of all these missions, is worthy of note.

During the year the Board lost two of its members, President C. A. Santee and Rev. T. J. Hacker, D.D., by their removal from the bounds of their respective Synods. To complete the organization the Executive Council selected Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., President; and the Board now is as follows:

President, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D.; Treasurer, Elder J. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.; Rev. G. A. Schwedes, Rev. C. B. Schneder, Elder C. G. Schaeffer, Hazleton, Pa.; Rev. C. W. Levan, Rev. N. H. Skyles, Rev. J. D. Miller, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., Rev. L. E. Coblentz.

The first three and the last three are the Executive Council.

The Eastern Synod will note that the term of all its members expires April 1st, 1906.

The Synod of the Potomac will note that the terms of Rev. E. R. Deatrick and Rev. C. W. Levan expire April 1st, 1906, and that a vacancy exists by the removal of Rev. C. A. Santee.

In presenting the report of Treasurer J. J. Nissley as a part of this report we take pleasure in calling attention to the fact that the assets of the Board now amount to over \$61,000, nearly all of which is invested in the missions of the church on first mortgage.

The mission in York, Pa., under Rev. R. L. Bair, was divided by Zion's Classis, he retaining St. Stephen's, and Rev. C. E. Meyers becoming pastor of Emmanuel's; and the following missions have been enrolled:

Bethany, York, Pa., under Rev. G. S. Sorber.

Faith or Quickel's, York, Pa., under Rev. A. C. Ohl.

Dallastown, Pa., under Rev. J. W. Bell.

The Board regrets to report that under the influence of the Reformed Church of Hungary six of our Hungarian missionaries and the congregations and one without his congregation, have withdrawn to enter the American Hungarian Classis, organized Oct. 7th, 1904, namely:

Rev. John Ujlaky, Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Rev. Zultan Kuthy, New York, N. Y.

Rev. Alexander Vajo, Woodbridge, N. J.

Rev. Elemer Kuthy, Passaic, N. J.

Rev. Ladislaus Bereczky, Phoenixville, Pa.

Rev. Earnest Komjathy, Bridgeport, Conn.

Rev. Julius Balogh, Pocahontas, Va.

This relates to the Eastern and the Potomac Synods. There were withdrawals also in the other Synods.

The General Board of Home Missions have elected Rev. Thomas M. Yundt superintendent, with the missions of the Eastern and Potomac Synods under his special care for the present, and having created a new office, that of Church Building Fund Secretary, and transferred Superintendent A. C. Whitmer to it, the Synods will be asked to acquiesce in this change, and we recommend that they do so with this understanding that according to the compact of April, 1892, the Eastern and the Potomac Synods shall hereafter, as heretofore, nominate a superintendent for these Synods.

Your Board feeling that the Board of the General Synod had not only exceeded its rights, but also violated the compact which was made the basis of unification in 1892, in thus setting aside the nomination of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, unanimously made by both your reverend bodies a year ago, sent its president, Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, to the meeting of the Executive Committee of that Board at its meeting in Philadelphia on Oct. 4th, to bring the matter to the attention of said Board. In reply to his representations the Executive Committee of said Board took the following action, which we transmit to your reverend bodies for your information, and, inasmuch as it contains a reaffirmation of the Compact of 1892, for permanent record on your minutes:

"Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to inform the Bi-Synodic Board that while we regret that there has been any misunderstanding in the case, we assure them that in placing

over the missions of the Eastern and Potomac Synods a man whom they had not nominated, this Board did not mean to violate the Compact of April, 1892, but was led to its action by unusual circumstances; and further, we assure the Bi-Synodic Board that we desire that hereafter as heretofore the Eastern and Potomac Synods shall nominate the candidate for Superintendent of their district.

"Again in response to the request of your Board that we instruct General Superintendent T. M. Yundt to stand in the same relation to the Bi-Synodic Board as Superintendent Whitmer has done in the past, the Board cordially accedes and begs to inform your reverend body that the General Superintendent has been instructed in accordance with your request. Thanking you for your splendid co-operation in the work of Home Missions, it is the prayer of the General Board that our relations may always be mutually helpful.

"By order of the Board,

"PAUL S. LEINBACH, *Secretary*.

"Given under the seal of the Board at Easton, Pa., Oct. 6th, 1905."

This Board hereby expresses its full confidence in the newly-appointed Superintendent, Rev. T. M. Yundt. We however lay before the Synods our conviction that the work pertaining to this territory, and which heretofore has been borne by our own superintendent, will be an unnecessary and heavy burden if placed upon the General Superintendent.

And since the General Board by its action given above regards the present arrangement as temporary, we suggest to the Synods the propriety of endeavoring to secure such a re-arrangement of the work of the General Board as to make Rev. T. M. Yundt General Superintendent, and Rev. A. C. Whitmer District Superintendent of the Eastern and Potomac Synods, with our Missions under his care.

The Catharine Trone and Richard Bernard Schmidt Church Building Fund has been completed by Rev. A. M. Schmidt.

The Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller Fund given by the will of Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D.

The Chas. A. Heim Fund given by the will of Miss Elizabeth G. Houck, of Frederick, Md.

The Jonas Deissinger Fund given by the will of Dr. Jonas Deissinger, of York, Pa., and the Major Sidney M. Finger Fund given by the will of Elder S. M. Finger, of Newton, N. C., have come out of these two Synods.

Also the Amityville Ladies' Aid Society Fund, of Amityville, Pa., the Matilda Hobach Focht Fund given by Mr. Wm.

G. Focht, of Huntingdon, Pa., and the John E. Keen Fund given by Elder Daniel E. Keen and wife, of Hickory Corners, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: The Board of Missions has directed me to transmit to your reverend body the following plan for more effective Home Missionary meetings at the Synods and Classes, in the hope that it may receive your approval either in its present form or with such modifications as, in your wisdom, are desirable. We suggest:

1. That one or more of our home missionaries be assigned, by arrangements made between the Board and the Synods or Classes, to present the subject of Home Missions at the Home Missionary meeting at as many of these bodies as practicable. These men being fresh from the mission fields will be practical exponents of the work. And we also suggest that the Board defray the expense of these missionaries while so engaged for traveling and pulpit supply.

2. That, in order to the proper appreciation of the reports of the Boards on Missions, the officers of this Board, missionaries, or some other competent persons be designated beforehand to speak on them that they may be thoroughly discussed and understood.

3. That, if feasible, during the sessions of the Synods and the Classes, at such suitable time as these bodies may determine upon, a round table or open parliament on missions be held, presided over by some properly qualified person, at which topics relating to mission work, such as missionary societies, missionary methods, mission study classes, etc., may be presented and discussed by the pastors, elders, and members of the church present. We suggest that the Superintendent of this Board, the pastor loci where the meetings are to be held, and the officers of the Synods and the Classes co-operate in carrying this plan into effect.

Sincerely yours,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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HOME MISSIONS.

From Eastern Synod.

Philadelphia Classis	\$1,806 89
Tohickon Classis	1,856 18
Goshenhoppen Classis	2,510 26
East Pennsylvania Classis	2,825 00
Lebanon Classis	1,901 52
Lancaster Classis	2,054 03
Schuylkill Classis	1,527 33
East Susquehanna Classis	1,595 14
West Susquehanna Classis	1,945 20
Lehigh Classis	895 00
Wyoming Classis	1,633 93
Reading Classis	3,732 71
	\$24,283 19

From Synod of the Potomac.

Maryland Classis	\$3,189 08
Mercersburg Classis	956 28
Virginia Classis	300 00
Zion's Classis	400 34
Juniata Classis	1,150 00
Gettysburg Classis	350 00
North Carolina Classis	528 53
Carlisle Classis	986 46
	\$ 7,860 69

From Miscellaneous Sources.

N. B. Schmidt, Woodstock, Va.....	\$ 100 00
Rev. F. A. Gast, D.D.....	10 00
Glade charge, Md.....	10 00
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	10 00
Interest Gerhart Fund.....	6 00
Mrs. Amanda Wagner, interest on legacy.....	100 00
Reiglesville (Pa.) congregation.....	48 58
Reiglesville (Pa.) Sunday-school.....	96 41
Nevin Boyer Fund, Reiglesville, Pa.....	5 00
Zearfoss Fund.....	9 00
Missionary Day, Hummelstown, Pa.....	8 31
Sunday-school, Pavia.....	5 40
Sexton and Hopewell.....	17 05
Everett, Pa.....	10 50
St. Clairsville	18 25
Alexandria	6 00
Huntingdon	18 55
St. John's Sunday-school, Salisbury charge.....	20 00
St. John's congregation, Salisbury charge.....	4 00
Salem, Allentown	43 10
Manns Choice	10 20
St. John's, Lansdale.....	9 00

Trinity, Altoona.....	15	80
Salem, Harrisburg.....	31	57
Zion's, Maytown.....	3	89
Willow Street.....	7	12
St. John's, Allentown.....	26	35
Dunning's Creek.....	6	38
St. Clairsville.....	7	40
Missionary Society, Juniata Classis.....	8	25
Martinsburg, Va.....	27	46
Numedia charge.....	5	25
St. John's, Milton, Pa.....	11	27
St. Stephen's, West York, Pa.....	2	52
Emmanuel's, East York, Pa.....	1	63
Marion, Pa.....	11	74
South Bethlehem.....	10	00
White Deer, Kans.....	4	60
White Pigeon, Mich.....	3	10
St. Stephen's, Harrisonburg.....	5	00
Fort Washington.....	47	44
Calvary, Philadelphia.....	5	08
		\$ 807 20
		\$32,951 08

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Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer General Board.....\$32,951 08

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Maryland Classis	\$ 252	00
Carlisle Classis	111	39
Mercersburg Classis	170	00
Zion's Classis	97	85
Virginia Classis	102	00
Potomac Synod	55	00
Reformed congregation, Alexandria, Pa.....	5	00
Eastern Synod.....	2,734	07
		\$ 3,527 31

HARBOR MISSION.

Maryland Classis	\$ 37	00
Carlisle Classis	11	99
Mercersburg Classis	24	00
Zion's Classis	17	43
Virginia Classis	11	00
Eastern Synod	414	86
		\$ 516 28

GERMAN MISSIONS.

Maryland Classis	\$ 235	00
Mercersburg Classis	105	00
Zion's Classis	556	81
Potomac Synod	72	40
Eastern Synod	912	37
		\$ 1,881 58
		\$ 5,925 17

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Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer General Board.....\$ 3,925 17

DESIGNATED MONEYS.

Heckermans M. S., Cessna, Pa., for St. John's, Harrisburg	\$ 10 00	
Christ, Allentown, Pa., for Messiah, Philadelphia....	10 00	
Reformed Church, Bath, Pa., for Messiah, Philada..	5 00	
Dunnings Creek, for Sioux City.....	2 00	
		\$ 27 00

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Paid as designated.....\$ 27 00

FOR CHURCH BUILDING.

Balance in treasury, Sept. 30, 1904.....	\$ 529 83
Philadelphia Classis	\$ 204 03
Reading Classis	558 00
Tohickon Classis	340 21
East Susquehanna Classis	237 93
Lebanon Classis	184 00
Schuylkill Classis	153 00
Lancaster Classis	327 60
Lehigh Classis	150 00
Goshenhoppen Classis	163 00
	\$ 2,317 77

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

Transferred from General Treasury to increase the Beneville and Seraphine Dissler Fund to \$1,000..	\$ 176 72
Transferred from General Treasury to increase Leonora Boys Fund to \$1,000.....	176 72
Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., York, Pa.....	473 40
Catharine Trone and Richard B. Schmidt.....	50 00
	\$ 876 84

LOANS REPAID.

Faith, Salisbury, N. C.....	\$ 250 00
Board of Home Missions.....	1,000 00
St. Paul's, Roanoke, Va.....	45 00
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	600 00
Grace, Allentown, Pa.....	200 00
Burlington, N. C.....	200 00
Reformed Church, South Norwalk, Conn.....	125 00
First, Steelton	35 00
N. C. Classis for Salisbury Mission note.....	20 00
Tioga Mission, Philadelphia.....	1,000 00
Hummelstown National Bank.....	3,000 00
Christ's, Baltimore, Md.....	500 00
Bethel, High Point, N. C.....	50 00
Hungarian, Phoenixville, Pa.....	500 00
First Church, High Point, N. C.....	25 00
	\$ 7,550 00

\$11,274 44

DISBURSEMENTS.

Board of Home Missions.....	\$1,000 00
Christ's, West Hazleton, Pa.....	2,500 00
Christ's, Walnutport, Pa.....	500 00
Oak Lane, Philadelphia.....	4,000 00
Greensboro, N. C.....	800 00
C. M. Boush, Treasurer for Church Building.....	2,317 77
Balance in Treasury, Sept. 29, 1905.....	156 67
	\$11,274 44

GENERAL TREASURY.

Balance in Treasury, Sept. 30, 1904.....	\$ 4,280 14
Maryland Classis	\$ 187 50
Zion's, Marietta	25 00
C. M. Boush, General Board.....	182 50
Messiah, Philadelphia	65 00
Mrs. C. A. Fremell.....	95 00
Dividends York Bank stock.....	46 88
Hungarian Church, Trenton.....	56 00
Mrs. Leah Sidell.....	225 00
St. Paul's, Roanoke.....	193 50
Grace, South Allentown.....	20 00
Grace, Baltimore, Md.	25 00
Christ's, Packerton	10 00
Tioga, Philadelphia	23 34
Hummelstown National Bank.....	112 50
Parryville, Pa.....	50 00
St. John's, Harrisburg.....	150 00
Bethel, High Point, N. C.....	8 70
Phoenixville, Pa.....	25 00
Walnutport, Pa.....	10 00
St. Mark's, Baltimore.....	58 00
	\$ 1,568 92
	\$ 5,849 06

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To increase the Benneville and Seraphine A. Dissler Fund to \$1,000.....	\$ 176 72
To increase the Leonora Boys Fund to \$1,000.....	176 72
Moving expenses, Rev. T. J. Hacker, D.D.....	50 00
Traveling expenses, Rev. N. H. Skyles.....	1 60
J. L. Yearick, 4 months supply at Lexington, N. C..	120 00
G. M. Smith, 4 months supply at Thomasville, N. C..	60 00
Traveling expenses of the Board, and postage.....	64 15
Salary of the Secretary.....	75 00
Salary of the Treasurer.....	75 00
Balance in Treasury, Sept. 29, 1905.....	5,049 87
	\$ 5,849 06

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., September 29, 1905.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above report, and find it correct.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
JAMES C. THOMPSON.

HARRISBURG, PA., October 2, 1905.

**Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church
in the United States.**

To the Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: For a full statement of our Home Missionary work in all its parts and needs, we refer you to the Triennial Report found in the Minutes of the General Synod; and we wish here to lay before you only a few later actions of general interest.

In May last, the Board re-organized, and now stands as follows:

President, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.

Vice-President, Rev. C. E. Miller, D.D.

Secretary, Rev. P. S. Leinbach.

Treasurer, Elder C. W. Stein, Annville, Pa.

Treasurer of Church Building Funds and Attorney of the Board, Elder C. M. Boush, Meadville, Pa.

Rev. P. H. Dippel, D.D.

Elder F. G. Hobson, Collegeville, Pa.

Rev. E. Vornholt.

Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, D.D.

Rev. D. W. Ebbert, D.D.

Rev. M. O. Noll.

Elder H. F. Texter, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Rev. T. M. Yundt was elected General Superintendent, to whom was committed also the special oversight of the Missions in the Eastern and in the Potomac Synods.

Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D., was made Superintendent in the Synod of the Interior.

Rev. D. A. Souders was continued as Superintendent in the Ohio Synod and the Pittsburgh Synod.

The office of Field Secretary was discontinued.

A new office was created, that of Church Building Fund Secretary, and Rev. A. C. Whitmer was transferred to it.

The Manual of the Board, adopted in 1899, has been revised to meet these new conditions.

The Board has established a central office in Philadelphia, Pa., and has united with the other Boards of the Church in preliminary steps toward securing a suitable building for the use of all these bodies.

By the resignation of Rev. Paul Sommerlatte, the position of Harbor Missionary became vacant October 1st, 1905. Rev. P. H. Land has been elected to that position, and provision has been made for the care of the work until he shall take charge.

With gratitude to God for the prosperity of the work, we heartily commend to your confidence and support the one hundred and eleven Missions on our present roll. We earnestly beg the Synod to give much time and discussion to this im-

portant work, and to send down to the Classes not only the apportionments, but also a strong appeal to them to raise the larger funds now needed for this growing interest.

Yours in the Lord,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

THOS. M. YUNDT, *Superintendent.*

Philadelphia, Pa., October 5th, 1905.

To the Reverend Potomac Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: At the meeting of the Board of Home Missions of General Synod, held in Pittsburg in July of this year, the following action was adopted, which is herewith brought to the attention of your reverend body. The action is in the form of a report from a special committee, which report was unanimously approved by the Board, all the members being present. The action reads thus, so far as it refers to your Synod:

Your committee appointed to consider questions of organization and method in the operations of this Board, beg leave to report that two meetings have been held; the first during the sessions of the General Synod at Allentown, and another just preceding this session of the Board. We have considered the "Terms of Agreement" in the unification of our Home Missionary work (Min. Gen. Synod, Reading, pp. 73-77), the Rules and Customs now in use by this Board and set forth in the "Manual," the recent action of the General Synod, and the various suggestions of Classes and individuals.

In the judgment of your committee the work of the Board of Home Missions is of supreme importance and we should therefore welcome most heartily the suggestion of any plan or method which will increase the efficiency of our operations. The forces of evil are united and aggressive. The Church owes it to herself, to the cause and to her Lord to conserve all her power and apply it specifically and without duplication. Your committee agrees fully with the sentiment expressed in the action of the General Synod, and therefore recommends the following:

1. That Articles 13 and 14 of our Manual be so amended as to give to the General Superintendent larger responsibility and authority in the oversight and direction of the entire work; that he shall be the executive officer to whom everything shall be reported and from whom all missionary facts and information can be obtained; and that he shall seek especially to arouse the pastors and members of the whole Church to the necessity of furnishing men and means to carry forward the Home Mission work of the Church. As an aid in securing these ends, your committee recommend that an office or headquarters be

opened and maintained in Philadelphia, and that a competent stenographer or clerk be provided for the General Superintendent.

2. That while the General Superintendent will direct the work in all the English Synods, for the present he shall have also special oversight of the Missions in the Eastern and Potomac Synods.

3. That the Rev. Thomas M. Yundt, of Reading, Pa., be elected to the office of General Superintendent.

4. That in view of the fact that the Rev. D. N. Dittmar has resigned as Field Secretary, this office be discontinued for the present.

5. That in view of the importance of the Church Building Funds in the work of this Board, an officer be appointed whose special duty it shall be to emphasize this phase of mission work, and who shall secure as many such funds as possible and perform such other duties as the Board may determine, said officer to be called Church Building Fund Secretary. Our present great work would be impossible without the Funds already in hand. It is doubtless known to all the members of this Board to whom the Church is especially indebted for what has been done in this direction. In view therefore of his experience and peculiar fitness for this position, we recommend that the Rev. A. C. Whitmer be elected Church Building Fund Secretary, and that we respectfully request the Eastern and Potomac Synods to acquiesce in this action.

By order of the Board of Home Missions,

PAUL S. LEINBACH, *Secretary*.

Given under the seal of the Board, at Easton, Pa., this 10th day of October, 1905.

Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Since the report of the Board of Foreign Missions to the General Synod will be laid before your reverend body, I beg to refer you to the same for the present status of our work in Japan and China.

Permit me in this brief statement to emphasize a few facts which I know will be of interest to you, and I believe will claim your prayerful consideration.

The work of our Church in Japan and China is so well organized that it has before it the prospect of sure and speedy success. Our Japan Mission has already been the means of bringing many souls to Jesus, the Light of the World. Experience has proven that the training of native evangelists is the true basis for the evangelization of the nation. Our institutions at

Sendai have given our Mission a position of influence in North Japan. To do well what has thus been auspiciously begun, the Japan Mission needs a lady teacher for the Miyagi Girls' School, a male teacher for the North Japan College, and, at least, two men for evangelistic work. These missionaries should be sent as soon as possible. Besides these additional workers, the immediate needs of the Japan work are:

1—Dormitory for North Japan College.....	\$ 5,000
2—Equipment for the Akita Station	5,000
3—Chapel at Fukushima	4,000
4—Kanda Church at Tokio	10,000

Efforts are being made to secure these additional workers, and the means for these additional buildings.

What shall we say of the great mass of immortal souls in China? Today the gates are wide open in this vast Empire. As you well know, our China Mission has been the recipient of God's most signal blessing. To carry on the work which the Lord has given us to do, we need about \$5,000 more money for building operations. At Chenchow we need a lady to begin a school for girls, and a man to open educational work for boys. At Changteh we need a family for evangelistic work and to form an important link between Yochow and Chenchow. At Yochow we need two men for the Boys' School, and two women for evangelistic work in the homes of the Chinese women.

In view of the wonderful opportunities for service in Japan and China, will not our Church awake to the fact that a solemn responsibility is upon her? May I not plead with every pastor and elder of the Synod to bring these urgent needs to the attention of the people?

The needs of our Missions are not so large that they can not be met if we all help a little.

The General Synod has made an appropriation of \$70,000 for each year, during the coming triennium, and it is to be hoped that each Synod will not only assume its proportionate share, but that all the pastors and people will be encouraged to pay the full apportionment. The Board will need every dollar of it. That the brethren may know the actual needs of the work, I submit an approximate estimate for 1906.

Japan Mission	\$40,000
China Mission	15,000
Home Expenses	7,000
Emergency Calls	5,000
Total	<u>\$67,000</u>

The receipts for the past year, or from September, 1904-05, amount to \$80,474.29. Up to date the Emergency Fund

amounts to about \$29,000. Of this amount \$2,300 remains unpaid. Will not the Synod in its wisdom devise some plan by which the Board may receive many large gifts from congregations and individuals within its bounds, so that the Board may be enabled to pay off its heavy debt?

The Board is anxious to raise a fund large enough among the young people to support two missionaries, one in China and one in Japan. This fund should amount to \$3,000. The shares are \$10.00, and it is desired that each Young People's Society in the Church shall take one or more shares. May we not hope for a favorable action which will help the Board to secure this amount?

Let me also call your attention to the support of the Sunday-school Missionary, Rev. H. K. Miller. For some reason, this fund has been growing less every year, until but one-third of his support was contributed by the schools in 1904. In view of the increasing demands in our work, we bespeak your commendation for this object.

Quite a number of copies of the History of the Japan Mission are still on hand, and I will be glad to supply pastors with the same for free distribution among their members.

If any pastor has not been the recipient of a copy of that excellent book, "The Pastor and Modern Missions," by Mr. John R. Mott, I shall be happy to supply him with the same, free of charge.

Believing that it will be of interest to the brethren, I herewith submit a statement of the receipts by Synods for Foreign Missions from September, 1904-05.

Eastern	\$29,650 05
Potomac	13,857 24
Pittsburgh	6,124 33
Ohio	7,120 45
Interior	1,783 67
Central	6,117 10
Northwest	3,551 97
German East	2,488 52
W. M. S. General Synod	9,286 97
Interest, etc.	493 99
Total	\$80,474 29

Deeply appreciating your interest in our work, and praying for the divine blessing upon your deliberations, I remain, in Christian bonds,

Very cordially yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary*.

September 15th, 1905.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: You have placed in the hands of your Committee on Missions the following named documents:

(a) The Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, including the report of its treasurer;

(b) The Annual State of General Synod's Board of Home Missions;

(c) A communication from the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church suggesting a plan for more effective Home Missionary meetings at the Synods and Classes;

(d) A communication from General Synod's Board of Home Missions referring to questions of organization and method in its operations;

(e) The Annual Statement of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

(f) Items 1, 3, 4 and 5 referred to us from the report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod are included in the above named documents.

We have carefully examined these papers. We gather from them many encouraging facts. Through them we discern irresistible calls for this Synod to increase in the spirit of service among men in Christ's Name.

Three of the thirty-six missions in the two Eastern Synods became self-supporting on April 1, 1905. They are the Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa., the Christ Church, Norristown, Pa., and the Christ Church, Baltimore, Md. The mission in York, Pa., formerly consisting of the St. Stephen and the Emmanuel congregations, was divided and now each congregation has its own pastor. Two new missions have been enrolled in York, Pa., and one in Dallastown, Pa. Eight Church-Building Funds have come into the hands of this Board within the year and of these five are from the Potomac Synod's territory. The assets of the Bi-Synodic Board amount to over \$61,000, and nearly all of this is invested in the missions of the Church on first mortgage.

On the other hand the Synod should note that the treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board reports \$2,251.12 less this year than one year ago under the item of "Home Missions" and that under this same item Potomac Synod is credited with \$1,657.88 less than one year ago. However, Maryland Classis has exceeded its record of a year ago with the Bi-Synodic treasurer under this item by the amount of \$34.89 and Carlisle Classis likewise by the amount of \$314.49. Virginia Classis is credited with the same amount this year as last. All the other Classes have decreased in their contributions as reported under this

item. The funds devoted to German, Hungarian and Harbor Missions through the Bi-Synodic Board treasurer were \$169.56 more than those reported a year ago. In the "General Treasury" \$1,289.40 are accounted for during the year just closed in excess of the twelve months immediately preceding. The balance in the treasury is \$5,049.87 as over against a balance, one year earlier, of \$4,280.14—a difference to the credit of Synod of \$769.73.

It is also interesting to note in the treasurer's report the record of loans repaid by five missions within our Synod: Salisbury, N. C., \$270; Burlington, N. C., \$200; High Point, N. C., \$50; Roanoke, Va., \$45; Christ, Baltimore, \$500.

A gratifying sign of the wise and resourceful leadership under which we are growing into a more and more reverent realization of the high responsibilities and of the rich privileges of the great missionary work is the suggestion coming from the Bi-Synodic Board to the effect that a permanent plan be adopted regulating the presentation of the subject of Home Missions before evening congregations during the sessions of the Synods or of the Classes.

The General Synod's Board of Home Missions reports its membership as constituted at the last sessions of General Synod and its reorganization as effected not long afterwards. In this connection it should be noted that the Bi-Synodic Board suggests the propriety of endeavoring to secure a rearrangement of the work of the General Board. The General Synod's Board asks from the entire constituency the annual sum of \$100,000 for the next three years and urges us not only to indicate to our Classes their proportionate share of this amount but to make a strong appeal to them to raise the larger funds. The Board earnestly begs the Synod to give much time and discussion to this important work. From General Superintendent Yundt's verbal statement we learn that the Board's debt at present is about \$17,000.

Do not our hearts burn within us as the Foreign Mission Board relates to us the glowing story of the abundant and fruitful labors of our missionaries in Japan and China and of the effective organization of our distant mission work, until we, foolish men, and slow of heart to believe the good will of our Father and to obey the word of our Lord, almost feel reproached. This document seems aflame with the desire that our Church shall heroically abandon herself to the service of our Christ, who came to share His anointing with all men. It pleads with us to heed at once the clear call for three men and one woman to work in Japan and for three men and three women and an entire family to work in China. It tells us of these definite material needs in Japan: \$5,000 for a dormitory

for the North Japan College; \$5,000 for the equipment of the Akita Station; \$4,000 for a chapel at Fukushima; \$10,000 for the Kanda Church at Tokio; and of the need of \$5,000 for building operations in China. It has definite suggestions for the Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies and a reminder of the incompleteness of the "Emergency Fund." It tells us that the Church last year gave \$80,474.29 for Foreign Missions, and that \$13,857.34 are credited to this Synod. The Board asks for an annual apportionment of \$70,000 throughout the next three years.

Your committee recommends:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod do now spend fifteen minutes in prayer and thanksgiving over the cause of missions.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod now hears representatives of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

3. *Resolved*, That we recognize the good hand of our God in the growing efficiency and in the increasing responsibilities of our Church's Mission work both in the home land and wherever we have gone to make Him known to men, and that on this account we own ourselves bound to rejoice in the Lord always and to pray without ceasing.

4. *Resolved*, That we pledge the Synod and appeal to the Classes, pastors, consistories and people to carry into effect the policies of the General Synod's Boards of Missions with reference to Home and Foreign Mission days in the Sunday-schools, to the circulation of the Bulletin, to the Annuity Bonds, to the fostering of the Woman's Missionary Societies, to the German, Harbor, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.

5. *Resolved*, That we call the special attention of our Classes to the General Synod's instructions to its Board of Home Missions, with reference to the establishment of missions in the cities and larger towns of the South, and that we recommend their hearty co-operation in every possible way for the realizing of this purpose.

6. *Resolved*, That we approve and recommend to the Classes for their consideration the plan suggested by the Bi-Synodic Board for more effective Home Missionary meetings in connection with the annual sessions of the Synods and the Classes, which is as follows:

(a) One or more of our home missionaries shall be assigned by arrangements made between the Board and the Synods or Classes, to present the subject of Home Missions at the Home Missionary meeting at as many of these bodies as practicable, the Board defraying the expense of these missionaries while so engaged for travelling and for pulpit supply.

(b) In order to the proper appreciation of the reports of the Boards of Missions the officers of the Bi-Synodic Board; certain missionaries or some other competent persons shall be

designated beforehand to speak upon them when they are under consideration upon the floor of the Synods and the Classes.

(c) Whenever it is deemed feasible and at whatever time during their sessions the Synods or Classes may determine, a "round-table" or open parliament on Missions shall be held, presided over by some properly qualified person, at which all topics relating to mission work may be presented and discussed by any or all persons present.

(d) The superintendent of the Bi-Synodic Board, the pastor loci where the meetings are to be held and the officers of the Synods or of the Classes concerned in each instance shall co-operate in making the arrangements in advance for such meetings.

7. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby pledges unreserved support to the General Superintendent of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, the Rev. Thomas M. Yundt. However,

8. *Resolved*, That this Synod disapproves of the election of a superintendent of the missions in the field of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods who had not been nominated according to the terms of the compact of 1892 (Minutes of Potomac Synod, 1892, p. 33, item 6); Minutes of General Synod, 1893, pp. 74-77).

9. *Resolved*, That this Synod respectfully declares to the General Synod's Board of Home Missions this Synod's conviction that the missions in the field of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods require the undivided care of a District Superintendent.

10. *Resolved*, That the Synod's desire is to have such a rearrangement of the work of the Board of the General Synod made at as early a time as possible.

11. *Resolved*, That we urge the Classes of this Synod to give their hearty support to the work of the Church Building Fund Secretary.

12. *Resolved*, That the Synod accepts all the apportionments for Home and Foreign Missions and apportions them upon the several Classes: Home Missions, \$15,550; Foreign Missions, \$10,675; Hungarian, Harbor and Bohemian Missions, \$1,650; Church Building, \$3,070.

13. *Resolved*, That we challenge the hearts of the parents and the children in the homes within our Synod with the Church's supreme need of young men and young women to gladly go for us to Japan and to China as ministers of the Cross of Christ.

14. *Resolved*, That we call the attention of the persons who have it within their power to contribute money in larger sums

than the ordinary to the splendid opportunities for permanently and largely establishing the kingdom of God among the people of Japan and China through our Foreign Missionary agencies.

15. *Resolved*, That we request the Young People's Societies to take special notice of the Board's desire to gather two funds of \$1,500 each in shares of \$10 each for the purpose of supporting a missionary in each of the two countries of Japan and China.

16. *Resolved*, That we ask the Sunday-schools to rally to the support of the Rev. H. K. Miller, the Sunday-school Missionary in Japan.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. RUPLEY, JR.,

ELLIS HAY,

LEWIS B. HARGETT,

J. STEWART HARTMAN, D. S. RENTCH.

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., and H. H. Apple were elected members of the Board of Missions for four years, and Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., for two years.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.—The following persons constitute the Board of Missions, and the date of expiration of their terms of service, namely: Revs. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., H. H. Apple, 1909; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., and L. E. Coblentz, 1908; Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., 1907; Revs. J. David Miller and N. H. Skyles, 1906.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANACE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and with the accompanying audit found correct. It was adopted, and is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Chas. M. Wolff, Esq., Treasurer of Synod, submits the following report, which has been audited and approved by the Trustees in accordance with the action of the Synod at its last meeting, and which is as follows:

1905.

Oct. 13. To balance of cash on hand at the date of the last report of the Treasurer of the Synod of the Potomac, viz.....\$ 275 11
To cash received from the Treasurers of the various Classes during the past year:

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS—*Dr. Barkley, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod, in full	\$105 00	
	For Catawba College, in the past year.....	100 34	
	“ Science Hall Building, interest on note.	50 00	
	“ Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	200 00	
			\$ 455 34

CARLISLE CLASSIS—*Rev. W. H. Groh, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod....	\$ 43 86	
	“ Catawba College, arrearages due.....	28 81	
	“ Catawba College, in the past year.....	96 06	
	“ Science Hall Building, interest on note.	40 13	
	“ Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	128 91	
	“ Work among the Germans.....	37 55	
			\$ 375 32

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS—*Rev. J. C. Leonard, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod, in full	\$ 65 00	
	For Catawba College.....	78 00	
	“ Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	24 55	
	“ Harbor Missions	25 00	
			\$ 192 55

VIRGINIA CLASSIS—*Rev. Dr. John A. Hoffeins, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$ 65 00	
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JUNIATA CLASSIS—*Rev. J. David Miller, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod....	\$115 00	
	For interest in arrears, of Science Hall Building note	60 00	
			\$ 175 00

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS—*Rev. P. A. DeLong, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod....	\$ 85 00	
	“ Catawba College	71 00	
	“ Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	100 00	
			\$ 256 00

MARYLAND CLASSIS—*Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod, in full	\$160 00	
	For Catawba College.....	155 00	
	“ Science Hall Building, interest on note.	42 00	
	“ Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	288 00	
			\$ 645 00

ZION'S CLASSIS—*Rev. Geo. S. Sorber, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.

For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod....	\$ 95 00
“ Contingent Fund of General Synod....	55 54
“ Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	26 84
“ Int. on Science Hall Bldg. note.....	17 97
For Washington Memorial Church, on account of arrearages due the Potomac Synod, since June 25th, 1903.....	5 00
	\$ 200 35

Total receipts from the Eight Classical Treasurers to date\$2,639 67

1905.

May 8.	To cash received from Mr. P. C. Wiest, treas. of Grace Reformed Church, York, Pa., for the Seminary Aid Fund of Lancaster, Pa.....	9 00
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Total receipts from all sources.....\$2,648 67

Your Treasurer claims credit for the following disbursements made by him, and allowance for the past year, viz.:

1904.

Nov. 9.	By check No. 23, to Wm. Brandstaedter, for printing envelopes and statements to Classical Treasurers.	\$ 2 35
30.	By check No. 24, to Miles O. Noll, for expenses to Lancaster, Pa., for installation services.....	2 15
Dec. 6.	By check No. 25, to H. J. Hillegas, for printing tickets at meeting of Synod.....	1 00
Oct. 4.	By check No. 26, to E. R. Deatruck, expenses to Lancaster, Pa., installation services.....	95
Dec. 13.	By check No. 27, to E. R. Deatruck for the use of the church at Everett, Pa., for Potomac Synod, 1904.	25 00

1905.

Jan. 2.	By checks Nos. 29, 30 and 31, to Dr. Barkley, J. S. Hartman and J. W. Pontius, for expenses to meeting of the Board of Trustees at Hanover, Pa.....	3 75
3.	By check No. 32, to Metzgar & Shetter, for bonding the Treasurer of Potomac Synod.....	25 00
10.	By check No. 33, to E. G. Eckert, for postage stamps	2 00
24.	By check No. 34, to S. S. Miller, expenses of Visiting Committee on Seminary Day.....	11 37
Feb. 18.	By check No. 35, to E. R. Deatruck, for expenses of sending out minutes of Synod of the Potomac....	17 09
18.	By check No. 36, to E. R. Deatruck, for expenses as a member of Committee on Endowment.....	3 53
21.	By check No. 37, to E. R. Deatruck, for salary for 1904-1905, as Stated Clerk of Synod.....	100 00
Mch. 10.	By check No. 38, to Anthony Printing Co., for printing order book for Treasurer of Synod.....	1 25
10.	By check to the Publication Board of Reformed Church in the United States, for printing 3,000 copies of the minutes of Potomac Synod for the year 1904	284 70
May 14.	By check No. 44, to Dr. E. R. Eschbach, for attending meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster, Pa....	3 00
14.	By check No. 43, to J. S. Kieffer, for attending meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster, Pa.....	3 25

June 1.	By check to Aaron Hostetter, for postage, etc.....	2 00
15.	By check to Dr. Barkley, for attending meeting of of Board of Trustees of Catawba College, at New- ton, N. C.....	33 38
July 25.	By check No. 48, to J. David Miller, chairman, for expenses of all the members of the Board of Edu- cation at the annual meeting held July 19th, 1905.	15 34
Aug. 28.	By check No. 50, to Rev. F. L. Kerr, for his expenses in attending the meeting of Committee.....	4 00
31.	By check No. 51, to Jos. A. Dewalt, for interest on the legacy of Brechbill to April 1st, 1905, in full..	12 00
Sept. 5.	By check No. 52, to A. E. Truxall, for Potomac Syn- od's share of expenses incurred by the joint Com- mittee on Seminary Day at Lancaster, Pa.....	5 85
1904.		
Nov. 8.	By cash paid to John W. Pontius, for interest due on the Science Building note and Washington Mem- orial Church note in bank.....	150 00
Dec. 17.	By cash paid to M. J. Rowe, treasurer, for the use of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.....	150 00
1905.		
May 10.	By cash paid to John B. Roth, treasurer, for the Seminary Aid Fund of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.....	150 00
22.	By cash paid to M. J. Rowe, treasurer, for the use of Catawba College.....	80 00
Sept. 22.	By cash paid to John J. Nissley, treasurer, for "Work among the Germans".....	65 00
18.	By cash paid to W. R. Barnhart, Treas., for contin- gent fund of General Synod	120 00
16.	By cash paid to John W. Pontius, for payment of in- terest on two notes in Middletown, Md., bank.....	80 00
18.	By cash paid to M. J. Rowe, Treas., for the use of Catawba College, at Newton, N. C.....	150 00
18.	By cash paid to John B. Roth, Treas., for Theological Seminary Aid Fund, at Lancaster, Pa.....	450 00
Oct. 6.	By check No. 63, to John B. Roth, Treas., for Theo- logical Seminary Aid Fund, at Lancaster, Pa.....	200 00
6.	By cash paid to C. M. Wolff, Esq., for Treasurer's salary for the past year	100 00
6.	By cash to John W. Pontius for the correction of an error by the former treasurer of Synod, in the pay- ment of interest instead of principal of the Science Hall Building Note	125 00
Total amount disbursed to date		\$2,378 96
By cash remaining in the hands of Treasurer.....		\$ 270 95

C. M. WOLFF,
Treasurer Potomac Synod.

Hanover, Pa., October 13, 1905.

We the undersigned Auditing Committee hereby certify that we have
examined the Treasurer's accounts and found them correct.

T. J. BARKLEY,
J. STEWART HARTMAN,
D. E. WINEBRENNER.

Mr. Chas. M. Wolff was re-elected Treasurer.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Monday evening, which was read and then adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee on Finance would respectfully offer the following report for your consideration:

There were referred to us the treasurer's report, and the following amounts to be apportionment upon the Classes, viz: General Synod Contingent, \$550; Home Missions, \$15,550; Hungarian and Harbor and Bohemian Missions, \$1,650; Church Building, \$3,070; Foreign Missions, \$10,675; Beneficiary Education, \$2,500; Theological Seminary, \$1,450; Catawba College, \$595 for interest account, and \$785 for Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.

We found the treasurer's report audited by the Trustees of Synod and found correct. Believing that it would facilitate the work of Synod, we offer the following:

Resolved, That the treasurer of Synod be requested to present his annual report in regular ledger form instead of the present form.

We have apportioned the amounts referred to us by Synod, except in the case of General Synod contingent. We find from the report of General Synod's treasurer that this Synod has a credit of \$160 overpaid, see Min. of Gen. Synod, p. 252, and have therefore apportioned only \$390 for this purpose.

Your committee has tabulated the arrearages of the various Classes and in submitting them to Synod's attention would offer the following:

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes be called to these arrearages, and Synod would kindly urge said Classes to fulfil the moral and financial obligation involved.

Resolved, That Classes be requested to urge congregations to contribute to the various benevolent objects of the Church as early in the classical year as possible, and furthermore, Synod would kindly urge upon all the classical treasurers to make prompt remittances of moneys due this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HACKER, <i>Chairman</i> ,	C. S. STAGLE,
J. DAVID MILLER,	JOHN BREWSTER.

Apportionments.

	Gen. Synod Contingent.	Potomac Synod Contingent.	Home Missions.	Hung., Bohemian and Harbor Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Building.	Beneficiary Education.	Theological Seminary.	Catawba College.	Total.
Zion's	65	100	2,200	220	1,400	440	265	195	95	4,980
Maryland	90	160	4,150	415	2,900	785	570	390	125	9,585
Mercersburg	35	90	1,500	150	950	310	265	125	60	3,485
Virginia	20	65	850	100	625	200	120	75	35	2,090
N. Carolina	30	75	1,025	140	675	250	160	115	55	2,525
Gettysburg	70	105	2,450	275	1,750	355	480	250	95	5,830
Carlisle	25	75	1,075	100	750	220	160	75	50	2,530
Juniata	55	115	2,300	250	1,625	510	480	225	80	5,640
	390	785	15,550	1,650	10,675	3,070	2,500	1,450	595	37,665

Continent.		Catawba College		Theological Seminary	
		1904	1905	1904	1905
Zion's		109 14	108 00	95 10	382 16
Maryland			28 00	77 86	360 00
Mercersburg		10 48	2 00	57 00	249 00
Virginia		60 00	48 00	97 00	300 00
N. Carolina				101 00	287 45
Gettysburg		67 00	32 66		146 00
Carlisle	41 13		*72 05	43 28	171 09
Juniata			133 00		486 00

*Overpaid.

Report of the Committee on Arrearages.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee to tabulate arrearages on Washington Church, Science Building and Catawba College, including interest on Washington Church, respectfully reports, that we find arrearages on Washington Church to be as follows:

Mercersburg Classis	\$107 12
One year's interest at five per cent.	5 35
Total arrearages of Mercersburg Classis	\$112 47
Zion's Classis, due the treasurer of the Potomac Synod on June 2, 1904	\$ 73 47
One year's interest at five per cent.	3 67
	\$ 77 14
By cash May 6, 1905, on account	5 00
Total arrearages from Zion's Classis	\$ 72 14

The account of Zion's Classis for the Washington Church differs in a measure from the account of the other Classes of the Synod, in that, on June 25th, 1903, the late Treasurer of Synod, Geo. N. Forney, advanced from the Contingent Fund of the Synod, the sum of one hundred and forty-four dollars and seventy cents (\$144.70), at the request of delegates of Zion's Classis to the Synod, to pay in full the pledge of said Zion's Classis on this account.

Therefore, the indebtedness of Zion's Classis on Washington Church is to this Synod direct.

We herewith append the schedule of arrearages on Science Building, and Catawba College, for the Synodical year, ending the 13th day of October, 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEWART HARTMAN,
T. J. BARKLEY,
C. M. WOLFF,

Committee.

CLASSES.	CATAWBA COLLEGE.			SCIENCE BUILDING.		
	Apportioned, 1904.	Paid on Apportionment.	Arrearages.	Apportioned, 1904.	Paid on Apportionment.	Arrearages.
Maryland	\$183 00	\$155 00	\$ 28 00	\$285 00	\$ 42 00	\$243 00
Gettysburg	133 00	40 34	92 66	240 00	50 00	190 00
Juniata	133 00	.....	133 00	240 00	60 00	180 00
Zion's	108 00	.....	108 00	132 00	21 02	110 98
Mercersburg	73 00	71 00	2 00	133 00	.....	133 00
Carlisle*	48 00	67 25	.....	80 00	40 17	39 83
Virginia	48 00	.....	48 00	60 00	.....	60 00
North Carolina.....	78 00	78 00	.....	80 00	.....	80 00

*Carlisle Classis has overpaid on apportionment for Catawba College, \$19.25.

Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees respectfully offers the following report, to wit:

Since the last annual meeting of Synod, your Board held two meetings. The first was held in Hanover, Pa., on the second day of January, 1905. At the opening of this meeting, Elder Jacob D. Zehring, who was elected at the last meeting of Synod for the term of five years, declined to serve as a member of the Board, and the Rev. T. J. Barkley was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Board then organized by electing the following officers, to wit: The Rev. John W. Pontius, Middletown, Md., President; the Rev. Dr. T. J. Barkley, Gettysburg, Pa., Vice-President and Secretary. Charles M. Wolff, Esq., Hanover, Pa., who is the Treasurer of Synod, is also the Treasurer of the Board.

Treasurer Wolff submitted his bond, secured in the Fidelity Trust Company, of Baltimore, Md., for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), at a cost of \$25.00. The bond was examined and approved, and an order in favor of Mr. Wolff granted for the amount of cost.

The matter of securing an amendment to the charter, touching the eligibility of members of the Board for re-election, was placed in the hands of the President, and the amendment will doubtless be secured when the Legislature of Maryland meets in 1906.

The annual meeting was held in Hanover, Pa., on the third day of October, 1905. At this meeting it became the duty of the Board to fill a vacancy caused by the sudden death of one of its most esteemed members, Elder Jacob H. Schriver, who entered into rest on the 23d of July. A suitable minute was ordered to be made of the high regard in which he was held, and of his efficient services as a member of the Board.

The vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Schriver was filled by the election of Mr. David E. Winebrenner, of Hanover, Pa.

In accordance with the action of Synod at the last annual meeting, the Board appointed a committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. T. J. Barkley, the Rev. J. Stewart Hartman and Mr. David E. Winebrenner, to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The Board at this meeting audited the Seminary Endowment Securities, in the hands of the Treasurer, and found them well invested and bearing a good rate of interest.

There are in the custody of the Treasurer, notes, bonds and mortgages aggregating thirty-four thousand one hundred and eleven dollars (\$34,111), an increase, by the sale of bonds, over the amount reported last year, of one thousand, one hundred and eleven dollars (\$1,111).

The Seminary Fellowship Fund, well invested, with accrued interest, amounts to two thousand, thirty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$2,039.79).

The term of office of the Rev. John W. Pontius will expire on the first day of January, 1906. The Synod should therefore at this meeting elect his successor. The Board respectfully submits the name of the Rev. John W. Pontius to fill the vacancy which will occur at the time designated.

The Board adopted the following, and instructed its Secretary to embody it in this annual report, as an overture to Synod, to wit:

WHEREAS, The Synod of the Potomac has endeavored to enact its part of the agreement entered into with the North Carolina Classis with reference to the endowment of Catawba College, insomuch as it pays interest on the portion of \$17,000 not yet collected, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Synod has direct supervision of all investments of the endowment of Potomac Synod's professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees respectfully overture Synod to request and urge North Carolina Classis to make to the Treasurer of Synod a full and definite statement of all funds contributed to the endowment of Catawba College, as pertains to the pledge of Synod, setting forth the investments of the funds, in whose custody said investments are to be found, so that the Board of Trustees may have supervision of the same.

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *President*.

Attest: T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary*.

Gettysburg, Pa., October 17, 1905.

Rev. John W. Pontius was duly elected member of the Board of Trustees to serve for the term of five years, from Jan. 1, 1906.

Members of the Board of Trustees and term of service.—Rev. J. W. Pontius, January 1, 1911; Elder J. D. Zehring, January 1, 1910; Elder C. M. Wolff, January 1, 1909; Rev. J. S. Hartman, January 1, 1908; David E. Winebrenner, January 1, 1907.

A committee was appointed consisting of Revs. J. S. Hartman, T. J. Barkley, D.D., and Elder C. M. Wolff, to determine, by examining the books of the Treasurer, the amount due from the several Classes as arrearages on Science Building and on pledges made to pay indebtedness on Washington Church. Said Committee is to report to the Stated Clerk that their report may be incorporated in the Minutes of this session of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Report of the Sunday-School Board of the Reformed Church to the District Synods.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The detailed report of the Editorial and Business departments, and of the Sunday-school and Missionary work of the Board, for the past year, is given in the Triennial Report of the Board to the General Synod. A copy of the Triennial Report accompanies this brief statement, and is presented to the Synod for its consideration.

The Board trusts that your Reverend Synod will emphasize the importance of the work of the Sunday-school.

The subject of Moral and Religious Education is in the air. It is generally conceded that the Sunday-school is a school of religion, and as such, bears heavy responsibility in the work of the Church.

The history of the Sunday-school from Robert Raikes till now, presents a gratifying advance. Six particulars may be noted:

1. The character and membership of the school. From neglected and poor children to all classes of children, and including as well, young people and adults.

2. The teachers. The modern school started with a few paid teachers. Today a vast army of men and women give their services freely,—for Christ's sake. There is nothing grander than this since the days of the Son of man.

3. At first, instruction was given in reading, writing, etc. Now the Bible is the sole text-book.

4. Methods. At first the sole work consisted of memorizing texts. Now we aim both to memorize and study passages.

5. The subject matter. In place of random choices of Biblical passages, there are used systematic, uniform lessons. And the graded school, with its supplemental material, has come to stay.

6. The pastor. The time has long since gone by when a minister of the gospel would oppose the Sunday-school. Today the Church has learned anew to emphasize the teaching function of the ministry, and to look upon the pastor of the Church as the leader of the Sunday-school.

The time is at hand when God imposes upon us the duty of developing all the latent possibilities of the Sunday-school. More time and attention must be given to the moral and religious instruction of the young. The dignity and the high

calling of the Sunday-school teacher must be more fully recognized by the individual occupying this responsible position and by the parents and the Church.

The place of the child as central, both to the correct understanding of the truths of our holy religion, and to the proper methods of their promulgation, must be more clearly seen. Is it not plain, therefore, that the Church, through her ecclesiastical judicatories, should call renewed attention to the fundamental importance of the Sunday-school.

To do this, we trust your reverend body will give specific instructions to the Sunday-school Board in your Synod, and ask each Classis for the co-operation of their Committee on Sunday-school work. The printed report of the Board presents suggestions for the work of the several committees, and also the pastors of the churches. We would refer particularly to the Standard of Excellence, to the Teachers Training Course, Volume Two of which has just been issued, and to the Lesson Helps and Hymnals, published by the Board. The feeling grows upon us that our Synods and Classes should, by resolutions and some definite action, bring home to the heart and conscience of the pastors and consistories of the Church, the two-fold admonition of the great Head of the Church, "Feed my Lambs." This injunction, in order of time and of importance is first. Has not the Church reversed the command, and may we not believe that the neglect to carry out the teaching and example of our Lord, in relation to the young, accounts for the comparatively slow progress of the kingdom?

Brethren, let the prayers of the Church ascend in behalf of the Sunday-school work. Let us have a more profound sense of its growing importance, and let us make a more generous provision for its needs.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President.*

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Pa., September, 1905.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report. It was received, read, and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

There have been referred to your Committee the statistical reports of the Sunday-schools, except that of Gettysburg Classis; a circular letter from the officers of the Sunday-school Board, and item 8 of the Committee on Minutes of General

Synod. Your Committee has tabulated the statistical reports; and after carefully weighing all items referred to the Committee, we recommend to the Synod the favorable consideration of the following:

Resolved, That Synod again urge greater uniformity and care in tabulating the reports, in order that the deductions may have more definite value.

Resolved, That Synod requests the Classes to call the attention of pastors and members to the great importance of constant efforts to increase the membership, and improve the attendance of the Sunday-schools within their bounds.

Resolved, That the several Classical Sunday-school Committees be urged thoroughly to organize for more aggressive Sunday-school work.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. LEIBY,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
C. W. WARLICK.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

	CLASSES.								Totals.
	Zion's.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	Maryland.	Mercersburg.	Gettysburg.	Junia.	Carlisle.	
Sunday-schools	38	28	42	62	21	29	41	20	281
Officers and Teachers...	742	311	429	1,164	358	446	599	294	3,897
Scholars	5,919	1,927	4,803	8,923	2,363	3,529	4,983	2,226	34,673
Home Department	219	.....	216	456	133	.....	111	177	1,312
Total Membership	6,843	1,921	5,415	9,624	2,826	3,975	5,693	2,697	38,994
Average Attendance	3,459	1,141	1,913	4,057	1,328	1,583	3,054	1,336	17,871
Church Mem. in S. S.	656	660	1,133	2,448	906	847	2,258	1,302	10,510
Baptized Scholars	729	394	533	2,609	568	1,108	2,143	862	8,946
Scholars Confirmed	123	75	186	351	94	183	277	87	1,376
Volumes in Libraries...	2,846	1,650	1,134	7,968	2,578	2,885	3,492	1,787	24,340
Paid to Gen. S.S. Board	\$50	\$66	\$33	\$235	\$57	\$130	\$131	\$150	\$746
Paid to Other Boards...	312	104	107	1,281	381	674	670	372	3,901
Paid to Other Objects...	444	35	246	618	245	350	536	436	2,910
Sunday-school Support...	4,574	755	1,100	5,122	1,403	1,160	2,638	1,210	17,982
Total disbursements.	\$5,380	\$960	\$1,486	\$7,256	\$2,086	\$2,114	\$3,975	\$2,068	\$25,539

Revs. E. M. Stonebraker and A. Conner were duly elected members of the Sunday-school Board; the former for five years, and the latter for one.

Members of the Sunday-school Board and date of expiration of term of service.—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, 1907; Rev. P. A. DeLong, 1908; Rev. F. L. Kerr, 1909; Rev. E. W. Stonebraker, 1910; Rev. Atville Conner, 1906.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 24, of the Report on Minutes of Synod. It was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Sessions and of the Special Session of the Synod printed, and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board, of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$284.70, and was completed three months after the close of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK.

Report of the Board of Publication.

To the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: We herewith present to your Reverend Bodies the annual report of your Publication Board. With the view of keeping in touch as much as possible with the interest entrusted to their oversight and care, the Board has been holding two meetings annually, one in March and one in September. The Manager submits to the Board at each meeting a statement of the condition of the business and at the close of the year, July 1st, a committee appointed by the Board audits the books, takes an inventory of the stock and reports the assets and liabilities of the plant to the September meeting of the Board. In the very nature of the case, the Board is under the necessity of relying largely upon the explanations, representations and judgment of those in charge of the business, as their intimate and constant association with all the operations of the concern gives them a practical understanding of its affairs, such as it is not possible for the members of the Board to possess.

The financial condition of our Publication affairs is represented by the following report which was approved by the auditing committee:

RESOURCES.

Cash	\$1,598 78	
Cash invested	1,000 00	
New Hymnal—in process of manufacture	4,600 00	
Accounts receivable—Book Department.....	2,832 96	
Accounts receivable—Advertising Department.....	855 62	
Merchandise—Book Department	5,603 10	
Merchandise—Messenger	439 17	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,268 32	
Rent paid in advance	250 00	
Messenger—Subscriptions due	1,666 25	
Review—Subscriptions due	321 50	
		<u>\$20,435 70</u>

LIABILITIES.

Messenger—subscriptions paid in advance.....	\$ 4,478 75	
Review—subscriptions paid in advance	228 00	
Capital June 30, 1905	15,728 95	
		<u>\$20,435 70</u>

LOSSES AND GAINS.

	BOOK DEPARTMENT.	LOSSES.	GAINS.
Inventory July 1, 1905.....	\$ 5,603 10		
Credits for the year.....	23,351 99		
	<u>\$28,955 09</u>		
Inventory July 1, 1904.....	\$ 8,021 67		
Debits for the year.....	20,005 21		
	<u>\$28,026 88</u>		
Interest on Investments.....			\$ 928 21
Royalty from S. S. Board....			194 00
			<u>750 00</u>

MESSENGER.

Inventory July 1, 1904.....	\$ 397 54	
Debits for the year.....	16,421 50	
Subscriptions paid in advance..	4,478 75	
	<u>\$21,297 79</u>	
Inventory July 1, 1905.....	\$ 439 17	
Credits for the year.....	12,650 56	
Subscriptions due	1,666 25	
	<u>\$14,755 98</u>	
		<u>\$6,541 81</u>

REVIEW.

Debits for the year.....	\$ 783 18	
Subscriptions paid in advance..	228 00	
	<u>\$ 1,011 18</u>	
Credits for the year.....	\$ 639 65	
Subscriptions due	321 50	
	<u>\$ 961 15</u>	
		<u>\$ 50 03</u>

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

Inventory July 1, 1904.....	\$ 1,247 07	
Debits for the year.....	27 25	
	<u>\$ 1,274 32</u>	
Inventory July 1, 1905.....	1,268 32	
	<u>\$ 6 00</u>	
Expenses Board meetings and Committees and Printing Reports.....	105 40	
Net loss.....		<u>\$4,831 03</u>
	<u>\$6,703 24</u>	<u>\$6,703 24</u>

This statement is not as satisfactory as we had hoped it would be and it shows that some changes of procedure must be made. The capital is given at \$15,728.95, which is almost \$5,000 less than that reported last year; the net earnings of the Book Department is not one-half as much as last year; and the deficit on the Messenger is much larger. The reduction in the capital is in part accounted for by the fact that in last year's report no account was taken of subscriptions paid in advance and subscriptions due. The difference in the Messenger deficit is explained by the fact that last year's report included an item of about \$4,000 subscriptions due, which are uncollectible. Whilst this explanation accounts for the variations in the annual statement, it is nevertheless true that the deficit in the Messenger account has been very considerable ever since the reduction of its price to \$1.25. This is a feature in our Publication affairs that seemed to the Board to require immediate attention, though the plant remains in a good financial condition.

We regret to report that the Messenger has been published at such a considerable loss. Our expectations, that in consequence of the reduction in the price of the paper the subscription list would be largely increased, have not been realized. The number of subscribers at present is only a little over 8,000. In order to maintain the paper at the low price at least 12,000 subscribers are needed. It seems this number can not be secured. The Board accordingly, at its last meeting, instructed its Manager to increase the price of the Messenger at the beginning of the coming year to its former figure of \$1.75 per annum. This course was forced upon the Board by the facts as they have been developed. The Church undoubtedly demands a high-class family paper, such as we believe the Messenger to be. In our judgment it compares very favorably with the papers of other Churches that are published at \$2.00 and upwards. If, however, we could have secured from twelve to fifteen thousand subscribers, the Messenger might have been sustained at \$1.25. But as the case stands, it is necessary to put the price at the figure it was previous to the reduction. If our patrons feel disappointed in this matter, we can assure them that their disappointment is not greater than that of the Board. It now devolves upon the pastors and people of the Church who desire a first-class religious family paper to rally to the support of the Messenger at the increased price above mentioned.

The Board approved the management of Rev. A. S. Bromer and requested him to continue in the present relation, which has proved satisfactory to both parties; and also instructed him, as Acting Manager, to attend the meetings of Synod this fall

and make such explanations of Publication matters as may be necessary.

The members of your Board by invitation of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, met on September 6th of this year, in conference with representatives of the Sunday-school, the Home Mission and the Foreign Mission Boards, for the purpose of considering the advisability of erecting a Reformed Church Building, for the use of the various Boards of the Church. It was the judgment of this conference that such a building would be desirable; that it ought to be located in Philadelphia; that it ought to be owned by a commission in trust for the Reformed Church; that this commission ought to be composed of five members to be selected as follows: One by each of the four Boards represented in the conference, and the fifth one by the four thus chosen; that this commission or Board of Trustees ought to be incorporated for the transaction of the business entrusted to them.

The Publication Board afterwards in regular session designated Elders H. M. Housekeeper and J. W. Bickel to view locations for the proposed building and convey their judgment in the matter to the Sunday-school Board, and it also passed the following resolution:

“Resolved, That we appoint W. Rush Gillan, Esq., to enter the proposed corporation, on the condition that this Publication Board be in no way made financially responsible for the actions of said corporation.”

The term of office of J. W. Bickel and A. E. Truxal expires December 31, 1905. It will devolve upon the Synod to which these members belong, to fill the vacancies thus occasioned. However, as J. W. Bickel was re-elected last year by the Eastern Synod, one year prior to the expiration of his term, we would suggest that his re-election be made to cover the term from December 31, 1905, to December 31, 1909.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

A. E. TRUXAL, *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication presented its report during the sessions of Saturday morning. It was received, and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Publication begs leave to report as follows: That we have examined the report of the Board of Publication, which was the only document referred to us. From this report we learn

that the interests of the Board have been wisely managed during the year. We notice that the book department is on paying basis; that the Messenger account shows a deficit of between \$3,500 and \$4,000 each year; that the price of the Messenger will be raised from \$1.25 to \$1.75 after January 1st, 1906. Therefore, in lieu of the foregoing facts, be it

1. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of the work of the Board in its management of our Publication interests.

2. *Resolved*, That we commend the Editor of the Messenger on the high grade Church paper he has given us, both as to contents and general character of the paper.

3. *Resolved*, That we commend the action of the Board in restoring the price of the Messenger to a self-supporting basis as both safe and sane business.

4. *Resolved*, That we urge our pastors and elders to stand by the Board and to commend this action of the Board, with respect to the price of the Messenger to their people.

5. *Resolved*, That we urge our constituency to loyalty to our publication interests, both in the book department and for the larger circulation of the Messenger and Review.

Respectfully submitted,

MILES O. NOLL,
C. S. SLAGLE,
J. HAMILTON SMITH,
JOHN FREYER,
D. F. RITCHEY.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Members of the Board of Publication and dates of expiration of terms of service.—Rev. C. S. Slagle, 1907; W. Rush Gillan, 1906.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Nominations.

During the session of Friday the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of Synod. The election was made the order of the day for Saturday immediately after Preparatory Services. At the time designated, the election was held. Revs. C. F. Althouse, T. J. Hacker, D.D., and Elders E. M. Pennell and G. Julius acted as tellers, who collected the

ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere in connection with the action of Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Theological Seminary, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Board of Managers of Deaconess Home and Sunday-school Board.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations herewith present the following names as candidates for the vacancies referred to us on the several Boards of Synod, namely:

Board of Education.—Three to be chosen for three years.—Rev. Wm. C. Cremer, D.D.; Rev. I. N. Peightel, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.; Rev. Ellis Hay, Rev. M. M. Noaker, Rev. A. H. Smith. One for two years.—Rev. J. P. Harner, Rev. C. W. Levan.

Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.—Three to be chosen for three years.—Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F. Bahner, D.D.; J. S. Kieffer, D.D.; C. Clever, D.D.; T. K. Cromer, Theodore C. Hesson. One for two years.—Revs. J. B. Shontz, J. O. Reagle.

Woman's College Board.—One to be chosen for five years.—Adrian C. McCardell, David V. Stauffer.

Board of Visitros of Theological Seminary.—One to be chosen for one year.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D.; J. W. Pontius.

Trustees of Theological Seminary.—One to be chosen for five years.—Robert L. Motter, E. A. Rice. One to be chosen for one year.—C. M. Wolff, Esq.; H. T. Weaver.

Trustees of Synod.—One to be chosen for five years.—Revs. J. W. Pontius, C. S. Slagle.

Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions.—Two to be chosen for four years.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, H. H. Apple, E. O. Keen, H. J. Hillegass. One for two years.—Revs. F. A. Rupley, J. T. Fox.

Sunday-School Board.—One to be chosen for five years.—Revs. H. H. Apple, E. W. Stonebraker. One for one year.—Revs. Atvill Conner, M. A. Keiffer.

Deaconess Home.—One to be elected for four years.—Revs. F. C. Yost, D.D.; E. E. Emhoff. One for three years.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, I. S. Leiby. One to be elected for three years.—I. Laucks, A. R. Brodbeck. One for one year.—Revs. Geo. Stibitz, Ph.D.; J. S. Hartman.

Catawba College Board.—Six to be elected for three years.—W. H. Williams, Eph. A. Comman, D. M. Carpenter, Edward Schrum, Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D.; C. S. Slagle, W. W.

Rowe, M. O. Noll, Geo. T. Showers, M.D.; E. A. Ramsauer, M.D.; P. J. Klutz, M.D.; I. H. Lough. Two for two years.—Revs. J. A. Foil, A. H. Smith, J. D. Andrew; C. C. Bobst.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to report, that information concerning Bethany Orphan Home, St. Paul's Orphan Home and the new institution started by North Carolina Classis, Nazareth Orphan Home, has been placed in our hands.

An investigation of these reports reveals the presence of 123 children at Bethany, 19 of whom are from the bounds of this Synod. This institution is in a most gratifying condition, enjoying the hearty support of the Church. At St. Paul's there are 69 children, 19 being from the territory of this Synod. Here the support of the Church has also been given, and favorable results are to be noted. Their debt of \$6,000 continues to embarrass the work, and calls for speedy removal. Nazareth Orphan Home reports 16 acres of ground bought, on which is to be erected a suitable building, towards which \$5,000 is already pledged.

From these brief extracts it is seen that this phase of benevolent work shows an unusual degree of prosperity, and indicates a most auspicious outlook for the future; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the Father of all mercies for the bountiful provision shown towards these institutions, whereby the Church has been enabled to care for the needy orphan.

Resolved, That we congratulate the brethren having in charge the work of these various Homes, and pledge them our hearty co-operation in their sacrificial labor.

Resolved, That we commend these institutions to the continual support of the Church, urging more liberal contribution towards these worthy causes:

Resolved, That the offerings at Christmas be taken in the respective congregations, and that, in view of its condition, St. Paul's Home be especially remembered.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. DUTTERA, *Chairman.*

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows was presented to Synod by the Treasurer, Rev. S. S. Miller. It was referred to a committee, Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D., F. A. Rupley, and Elder J. Brewster. They presented their report on Monday. It was received, read and adopted. To this same committee was referred a communication from the Secretary of the General Synod's Board of Ministerial Relief. The report of the committee is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As Treasurer of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," we present for information the following statement of receipts and expenditures of the same within the bounds of the Potomac Synod for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1905:

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis	\$257 44
Gettysburg Classis	200 00
Juniata Classis	107 94
Virginia Classis	79 08
Zion's Classis	58 76
Carlisle Classis	57 69
Mercersburg Classis	7 57
	\$768 48

EXPENDITURES.

Maryland Classis	2 annuitants.....	\$ 80 00
Virginia Classis	2 "	125 00
Juniata Classis	1 "	50 00
Carlisle Classis	1 "	100 00
Gettysburg Classis	1 "	50 00
		\$405 00

In view of the above statement, we are pleased that your contributions to the cause of relief are over and above the appropriations of the Society to the annuitants within your bounds. This is a record worthy of imitation, and should serve as a stimulus to other parts of the Church. With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am

Yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer and Solicitor.*

Frederick, Md., Oct. 16, 1905.

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States

present for publication in the minutes of your Reverend Body, the following statement of the financial operations of the same for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1905:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury September 30, 1904.....	\$ 3,045 85
" From loans paid	4,850 00
" From collections in the churches	3,345 37
" From interest on investments	2,632 73
" From royalty on Church Hymnal	2,754 10
" From royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal.....	160 00
" From individual gifts	240 25
" From bequest of Elizabeth Ober Young.....	100 00
	\$17,128 30

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for re-investment	\$ 4,850 00
New investment.	
For life memberships	\$2,730 00
Cash	1,745 00
To 63 annuitants	4,475 00
Treasurer's salary and bond	3,797 62
Treasurer's traveling expenses	610 00
For printing	102 61
Executive Board	18 75
For postage and stationery	1 50
For postage and stationery	24 94
Cash in treasury September 30, 1905.....	3,247 88
	\$17,128 30

The following have become life members during the year:

Revs. John E. Dingleline, John W. Love, D.D.; Rufus W. Miller, D.D.; James M. Runkle, Harvey I. Crow, H. A. I. Benner, Karl Stein, A. Theo. Wright, Israel S. Leiby, Charles Becker, John Arnold, Wm. T. Buchanan, John Kuerton, Jacob Sterrer, David B. Clark, Ph. Steinhage, Bechtold Ruf, Frederick A. Cook, James J. Schaeffer, John B. Kalaria, S. Ezra Neikirk, John W. Albertson, Cosmos H. Herbst, George A. Dreibelbies, Wm. H. Lahr, John F. Kerlin, John S. Heffner, Benj. M. Meyer, Theo. C. Hesson, Jacob N. Faust, J. Thomas Fox, Geo. E. Metger, Carl Jaekel, Howard Obold, Reuben F. Shultz, Charles E. Schaeffer, Charles E. Creitz, Paul I. Deppen, William H. Kerschner, Wm. F. Curtis, Albert Krahn and Henry Schenk.

ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY.

Invested fund	\$70,300 00
Cash in treasury	3,247 88
	\$73,547 88

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY—Rev. J. David Miller, President, Everett, Pa.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Vice-President, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. John W. Pontius, Secretary, Middletown, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer and Solicitor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Assessor, Frederick, Md.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RELIEF SOCIETY.

Your Committee to which were referred item 4 of the report of a Committee of General Synod on the organization of a Ministerial Relief Society; a communication from the Secretary of General Synod's Ministerial Relief Society, asking for aid to carry forward its work, and a statement from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, presents the following report, to wit:

The Committee has carefully considered the several subjects referred to it, and begs leave to offer the following for consideration and action:

Resolved, That this Synod does not deem it advisable, at this time, to favor the consolidation of the different Relief Societies in the Church under one General Board.

Resolved, That, in view of the fact that the Classes and congregations are already burdened with apportionments and other financial claims that demand the exercise of all their financial ability, this Synod does not deem it wise or prudent to request its Classes to aid in the operations of General Synod's Relief Society.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its full confidence in the management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and believes it competent to meet all worthy applications for aid throughout the Church.

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the late General Synod at Allentown, Pa., commended this Society anew to "the confidence and support of the Church," and because the demands upon its treasury are steadily growing, this Synod, through the several Classes, urges upon pastors and consistories the importance of presenting the claims of the Society to their people, at least once a year, and receive their offerings for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,
F. A. RUPLEY, JR.,
JOHN BREWSTER.

Deaconess Home.

The Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home presented their annual report. It was read and then referred to a Special Committee, Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., E. R. Deatrick, B.D.,

and Elder J. Gassman. Subsequently they presented their report. It was received, read, and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Board.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: When the report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home was made to your Honorable Body, one year ago, definite reasons were given why it was impossible for the members of the Board to act in the capacity to which they were elected. By action of Synod, in spite of our earnest protest, the matter was again referred to us. We have given thorough consideration to your request, and appreciate deeply the confidence reposed in us. At the same time, as the conditions and circumstances have not materially changed, at least not for the better, we can only reiterate our former report, and respectfully ask Synod to place the work in the hands of those who can accomplish what is so ardently desired and can reasonably be expected. We thank you for the high honor conferred upon us, and regret exceedingly that we cannot carry out your wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. LYTTLE, *Secretary.*

This committee having in charge the report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess House, after a careful reading of the report, a conference with the several members of the Board, and further inquiry with others interested in the establishment of such Home, offer the following as their report:

From the information gleaned, as above, it is the conviction of your committee that the conditions holding in the matter are most decidedly unfavorable to the establishment of a Deaconess Home, at least for the present, and in the city of York, where the Synod had fondly hoped such Home could and would be established.

Whilst your Committee would not advise Synod to abandon entirely this project, we do deem it advisable to suggest to Synod that no further action touching the matter be had at this session, but that it be left to the Board as now constituted, to watch for any opportunity that may be open for the furthering of the desire of Synod to establish such home, whether at York or elsewhere, and report to Synod at its next annual sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS,
E. R. DEATRICK.

Rev. H. H. Apple presented his resignation as member of the Board. His resignation was accepted.

At the election for members of the Boards of Synod, Rev. F. C. Yost was elected for four years, Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., for three years, Rev. J. S. Hartman for one year, and Elder I. Laucks for three years.

Members of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home.—Revs. F. C. Yost, 1909; E. R. Deatrick, 1908; J. S. Hartman, 1906; Elders I. Laucks, 1908; E. G. Shower, 1907; P. C. Wiest, 1906.

Report of Special Committee on Item 10 of Overtures.

The Special Committee, consisting of Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D., J. S. Hartman, and Elder M. W. Bahn, to whom the overture from Elder George W. Hoffman, tendering two farms for an orphanage, was referred, presented their report on Monday evening. The report was read and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

At the request of Elder Geo. W. Hoffman, who is a member of St. James congregation, Christ Church charge, Adams county, Pa., I present to the Synod for consideration and action at this meeting, the following proposition, to wit:

Elder Hoffman desires to donate to the Synod, by deed, two hundred acres of land, consisting of two adjoining farms, on each of which is a good brick house and a commodious barn. The land is all under good cultivation, except 30 acres of woodland. These farms are five miles from Littlestown, and four and one-half miles from Kingsdale, on the Pennsylvania Railroad. At a low estimate, they are worth \$6,000.00.

It is the desire of Mr. Hoffman that the Synod, in case this offer is accepted, shall establish an orphanage on these premises, to be under the control and supervision of the Synod.

Synod is respectfully requested to take action at this meeting, in order that Mr. Hoffman may know whether or not he can dispose of this property as he feels and desires that he should.

Respectfully,

October 18, 1905.

T. J. BARKLEY.

Your committee to which was referred the proposal of Elder George W. Hoffman, of Adams Co., Pa., to donate to this Synod a certain property for the purpose of establishing an Orphan Home, presents the following report, to wit:

Your Committee has considered the generous offer of Elder Hoffman, and offer the following as its report:

WHEREAS, Elder George W. Hoffman, of Adams county, Pa., has offered to donate to this Synod, two adjoining farms located in said county, aggregating 200 acres, for the purpose of establishing an Orphanage thereon, therefore

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its appreciation of Elder Hoffman's generous offer, and tenders him its cordial thanks for the same.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed and delegated with authority to act for the best interests of the Synod in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,
J. STEWART HARTMAN,
M. W. BAHN.

The Special Committee was constituted the committee called for in the last resolution.

Committee to Visit Zion's Classis.

The Special Committee appointed to visit Zion's Classis in order to lay before that Classis the action of Synod, reported. The report, together with the response of the Classis, were read, and ordered printed.

The committee appointed, at the last meeting of this Synod, to lay before Zion's Classis the Synod's action upon a certain memorial presented to it by members of said Classis, would respectfully report that the instructions of Synod were duly carried out. The chairman of the Committee presented himself at the opening of the annual meeting of Zion's Classis, May 8, at Hellam, York Co., Pa. On the morning of the 9th, an opportunity was given him to discharge the duty upon which he had been sent. He read the resolutions passed by this Synod, and, as well as he was able, explained to the Classis the spirit and purpose of the Synod's action. He was respectfully and attentively listened to. No action was taken at the time, and, immediately after the close of that session he was called away by another engagement. Afterwards, however, he received, from the Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis, a copy of the formal action taken by the Classis, at a later time in its sessions, in reference to the matter in question. This, being in the form of a communication addressed to this Synod, was sent to the Stated Clerk, through whom it will be duly presented to this body.

Elder J. H. Schriver, as a member of this Committee, was present at the above-mentioned meeting of Zion's Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee, to whom was referred the action of Potomac Synod, growing out of a statement to

Potomac Synod by certain members of Zion's Classis in a so-called Memorial, would submit for adoption the following as the answer of Zion's Classis to the action of Potomac Synod:

The statements of the paper, which Potomac Synod apparently accepted as a statement of facts, does not adequately represent the point of view nor the actions of Classis.

The paper says, First, "*Classis refused to accept the apportionment for Home Missions sent down from Synod.*"

The facts are: While Zion's Classis did not see its way clear to accept Synod's apportionment for Home Missions, partly because of its own organized missionary work and expenses, and partly because of its unwillingness to co-operate, at the time, with the work of the Board in the bounds of this Classis, yet Zion's Classis did not hinder any charge or pastor from presenting the matter of missions, nor Synod's apportionment to the people, but opened the way for charges so disposed voluntarily to accept the usual proportional share of Synod's apportionment, and did incorporate in its minutes and send down to the charges, so agreed to as regular apportionments.

The paper says, Second, "*Classis refused financial and moral support of the Deaconess Home Work, authorized by Synod, on the ground that it was Synod's work and not the work of Classis.*"

The facts are: When Classis was asked, not by Synod, but by Synod's committee to make an appropriation of \$150.00 and give moral support to the Deaconess Home to be located at York, Pa., the statement was made, by a member of the committee, that the \$150.00 was for preliminary work, such as stationery, postage, etc., and not for immediate work on Deaconess Home. When objection was made to Zion Classis reimbursing Synod's committee, or of taking the initiative in financial support, a member of Synod's committee stated that if such financial apportionment would not be given, the other part of the request would be meaningless, whereupon the action of Classis, declining to comply with the committee's request, was taken. So far as known, no member was disposed to withhold moral support nor co-operation with Synod in the matter. Zion's Classis disclaims the interpretation placed on its action.

The paper says, Third, "*Classis refused to accept the recommendations of Synod in regard to the Reformed Church Messenger, and disclaimed interest in and support of the Church paper.*"

The facts are: The minutes of Synod show that the recommendations of Synod regarding the Messenger were adopted. This Classis has not in any action disclaimed interest in the

Church paper. The minutes of Zion's Classis submitted to Potomac Synod at Everett, Pa., are in testimony. The action of Synod on page 27 of its printed minutes, stating that all Classes complied with Synod's request, is the further proof of the correctness of this claim.

The paper says, Fourth, "*Classis took unwarranted action against the motives and work of the pastors and consistories of Trinity and Grace Reformed Churches in York, in establishing Sunday-schools under their care, in East York and West York.*"

The facts are: Zion's Classis did not in any way pass upon the motives and work of the consistories of Trinity and Grace Churches. The record given in Vol. VI, page 106, of its minutes, shows no reference to the consistories. Classis had no reason to suppose that said consistories were in official or any active way associated with the pastors in the action under judgment. Nor did Classis take unwarranted action against the motives and work of the pastors of Trinity and Grace Churches, but simply stated its judgment based on facts given and stated in the minutes of Classis, Vol. VI, page 106, and which action was submitted to Synod in the minutes of Classis. At the time of the action of Classis, there was no objection nor complaint to the statement and action. The pastor of Trinity Church was present, and stated openly on the floor of Classis that he had no objection to Classis taking the action, and the action was taken without a dissenting vote.

The paper says, Fifth, "*Classis falsely accused the Home Mission Board of exceeding its authority in commissioning a missionary to take charge of their interests after they had been organized into congregations and constituted a charge by the action of the Classis itself, and further published these arbitrary proceedings in the secular and Church papers, and thus retarded the development and progress of the general church work in York.*"

The facts are: The contention of Classis concerning the action of the Board of Home Missions was that the Board should not have appointed a missionary and pledged support before the organization of the congregations and charge were recognized and confirmed by action of Classis, nor without conference with Classis.

The records of Zion's Classis do not show that the proceedings of Classis were published in secular and Church papers by any action or responsibility of Classis, just as Zion's Classis is not responsible for a previous publication of criticism upon the action of Classis published in the secular papers immediately following the annual meeting of Classis held in May, 1904.

Zion's Classis therefore disclaimed any "arbitrary" or "unwarranted" action concerning the matters in question, or that any of its members have been "hampered" and "restricted" in any legitimate church work. The records will show that all charges and all pastors are accorded equal and full rights, and results show that loyalty and faithfulness to the Church are not confined to any limited number of its members.

Zion's Classis thoroughly appreciates Potomac Synod's action in appointing a committee to convey its action to Zion's Classis, and gladly records its appreciation of the courteous presentation made by Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D. It is, however, a matter of keen regret to Zion's Classis, that Potomac Synod, in a matter of such serious import, was willing to recognize the paper as presented by certain members, as constituting, under the constitution, a ground for action; and that Potomac Synod was willing, without thorough investigation, to accept the statements, as giving all the facts in the case; and that Potomac Synod passed judgment and sentence without asking for and hearing an official rejoinder.

F. C. YOST,
GEORGE STIBITZ,
E. H. KRANTZ.

York, Pa., May 29, 1905.

The foregoing (two pages) is a true copy from the original Minutes of Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

Attest: AARON SPANGLER, *Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis.*

York, Pa., May 29, 1905.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, presented its report, which was received, read, and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology would respectfully report:

Since the last annual meeting of Synod, but one of our number has been called from the earthly ministry into the spiritual world.

THE REV. H. F. DITTMAR.

Rev. Dittmar was born in Loysburg, Pa., Sept. 11, 1864; departed this life, Sunday, June 4, 1905, at Jefferson, Md., being 41 years of age.

His parents, of staunch Reformed lineage, were John Dittmar, of Germany, one of the pillars of St. John Reformed

church, Loysburg; Catharine (Diehl) Dittmar, of Friends Cove, Pa.

His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native town; after which he entered F. & M. College, graduating, June, 1887.

In September following, he entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating from that institution, May, 1890.

Soon after his graduating, he was examined and licensed by Juniata Classis, under whose care he had pursued his course of study.

Having received a call from the Jefferson charge, within the bounds of Maryland Classis, he was received by that Classis assembled in special session at Jefferson, June 16, 1890.

Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., T. F. Hoffmeier, S. L. Whitmore, S. S. Miller and H. W. Hoffmeier ordained him on June 22 of the same year. He was a good preacher and an excellent pastor. What he did, he did with his might!

His efficiency as pastor is attested by the improvements made to the parsonage and the church, and the commodious Sunday-school rooms built at Jefferson.

He was a true friend, frank and fearless, yet humble, tender and kind. He was held in an unusual degree of esteem and devotion by his members and friends. This was indicated in many ways previous to and also during his sickness and at his death.

The fact of his resigning the second time before his consistory would release him, was evidence of rare devotion indeed.

According to his own request, there was neither sermon nor address in connection with his funeral service. The service used was the "Burial Service" found in the Order of Worship. Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., of Frederick, Md., had charge of the service. A number of ministers of the Reformed Church, and Rev. Metzgar, his Lutheran colleague, were present and took part in the service.

"They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever."

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. STONEBRAKER.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and are herewith extended to the pastor and members of this congregation for their kind and hospitable entertainment.

Resolved, That this action be read by the pastor at the next regular service.

Resolved, That \$25 be given to the Treasurer of the consistory for the use of the church for the sessions of Synod.

Resolved, That the Trunk Line Passenger Association be thanked for their kindness in granting card orders over their roads.

The Synod having transacted the business for which it had assembled, the Synodic roll was called, and the Committee on Excuses reported.

The Journal of Monday evening was read and approved. The Minutes of Synod were ordered engrossed.

Reportorial Committee.

Just prior to adjournment the Reportorial Committee presented its report. It was adopted, and the Synod tendered them its thanks for their services.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The committee appointed to prepare abstracts of the proceedings of Synod for the public press, would report that such abstracts of the daily proceedings have been furnished the following papers: Altoona Tribune, Baltimore Sun, Baltimore American, Star-Independent, Telegraph (Harrisburg), the Newport and New Bloomfield papers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XXIV..

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted before adjournment, viz:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Zion Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 16th, A. D. 1906, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated body.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening, October 23d, 1905, at 10.25 o'clock, with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer in unison, and the Benediction by the President.

H. H. APPLE, *President*.

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

An official copy from the original Minutes.

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

ZION'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.				Sunday-Schools.			Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.				
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-nuwal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.		Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Aaron Spangler	511 W. Market St., York....	Trinity	3	178	139	79	19	2	6	2	..	2	..	2	3	78	265	..	\$56	\$1012	18	
Aaron H. Leisz	Host, Berks Co., Pa.....	Without charge	1	620	425	260	14	4	24	10	..	20	7	..	2	2	49	647	..	454	4369	12
Francis D. Yost, D.D.	125 N. Beaver St., York....	Heidelberg, York	1	193	146	103	11	1	13	27	..	2	1	..	1	27	321	..	72	1030	9	
George S. Sorber	714 W. King St., York.....	Bethany, York	1	408	380	203	27	2	21	11	..	..	10	..	1	6	45	545	..	428	1280	12
George Stibitz, D.D.	419 W. Phila. St., York....	Zion, York	4	306	274	230	23	2	14	2	..	..	7	..	1	4	46	282	..	304	1110	19
John J. Stauffer	116 W. King St., York.....	Dallastown	5	1118	970	678	99	5	30	7	..	7	12	..	5	48	900	..	448	2570	35	
Oliver P. Schellhamer	421 W. Phila. St., York....	Paradise	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Raymond E. Butz, M.D.	100 E. Market St., York....	Without charge	1	568	428	230	11	1	16	11	..	3	5	..	6	1	40	..	6240	5085	15	
Henry H. Apple	119 S. Duke St., York.....	Trinity, York	3	345	247	157	14	1	8	2	..	2	2	..	1	4	78	456	..	270	1780	23
William A. Korn, Ph.D.	Hellam, York Co., Pa.....	Kreutz Creek	4	399	340	323	23	15	7	3	..	3	9	..	4	56	206	..	332	940	21	
Hiram J. Hillegass	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa..	Shrewsbury	1	205	155	129	17	1	10	18	7	5	2	..	9	1	28	407	..	195	1356	10
E. Bruce Lytle	131 W. Market St., York....	Memorial, York	3	438	364	214	21	1	8	24	..	5	2	..	3	50	219	..	186	1370	21	
Israel S. Leiby	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa....	Glen Rock	1	344	305	297	8	1	13	10	10	6	2	..	2	1	35	432	..	762	2376	9
E. E. Embott	223 N. Hartley St., York....	Grace, York	2	133	115	125	8	10	9	4	..	3	..	..	1	2	45	320	..	93	784	12
J. Kern McKee	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.....	St. John	1	53	38	36	3	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	16	101	..	16	275	8	
Robert L. Bair	238 W. Market St., York....	St. Stephen	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Charles B. Heinly	351 W. King St., York.....	Without charge	2	132	74	62	8	1	8	22	1	10	2	..	2	13	128	..	30	340	14	
Arthur C. Ohl	339 Atlantic Av., York.....	Quickels	4	230	121	118	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	46	242	..	..	..	12
Howard A. Althouse	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa....	Dillsburg	1	60	45	50	10	7	13	..	..	2	3	..	1	16	183	..	35	608	8	
Charles E. Myers	York, Pa.....	Emmanuel	1	15	14	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	20	74	..	13	66	..	
W. A. Korn, Ph.D., supply	Hellam, York Co., Pa.....	Locust Grove	1	16	15	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95	43	2	
J. Kern McKee, supply	Red Lion, York Co., Pa....	Lebanon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lic. Wilbur J. Kohler	Thomasville, York Co., Pa..	Thomasville	40	5761	4595	3334	303	22	199	178	104	..	63	72	68	39	736	1194	\$9945	\$26619	265	

AARON SPANGLER, Stated Clerk.

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

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Joseph W. Santee, D.D.	Fort Washington, Pa.	Without charge	1	558	485	345	19	1	14	3	10	12	10	1	89	467	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

James R. Lewis.....	Mt. Pleasant, Md.....	3	175	143	78	5	3	1	2	...	4	...	2	31	110	...	167	597			
Charles A. Bushong.....	Sabillasville, Md.....	3	107	84	95	1	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	3	36	150	...	90	280		
Aaron M. Gluck.....	Emmitsburg, Md.....	3	149	128	59	10	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	56	2	104	806		
Fred. A. Cook.....	Union Bridge, Md.....	3	242	192	100	11	4	13	13	...	36	3	...	2	23	100	...	138	575		
J. J. Schaeffer.....	Walkersville, Md.....	2	252	225	146	7	6	6	1	...	...	9	...	3	29	245	...	370	815		
John B. Kaloria.....	Burkittsville, Md.....	3	172	134	70	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	29	222	1	81	830		
(2)Clayton H. Ranck.....	Baltimore, Md.....	1	280	250	67	2	...	...	10	...	15	2	...	1	38	240	1	412	2302		
Vacant.....	Third, Baltimore	2	96	67	64	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	19	95	...	110	585		
(3)David N. Dittmar.....	Boonsboro.....	2	239	206	111	5	...	...	4	...	7	1	...	2	32	225	...	300	1000		
Lic. Joseph H. Apple.....	Frederick, Md.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Lic. William H. Warner.....	Sporting Hill, Pa.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Lic. E. Lewis Higbee.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
		65	11159	9022	6028	511	56	468	319	200	1	141	146	74	62	1178	8845	10	\$19632	\$62101	...

(1)Died, June 4, 1905.

(2)Received, May 12, 1905.

E. R. DEATRICK, Stated Clerk.

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.		Losses.			Sunday-Schools.		Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.								
			Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-nerval of Prof'n.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Name	Deaths, Uned.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Students for Ministry.	Benefeolent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purposes.					
William C. Cremer, D.D.	Chambersburg, Pa.....	1	46	42	10	2	1	2	2	..	..	1	10	60	..	\$40	\$130	...				
Franklin F. Bainer, D.D.	Waynesboro, Pa.....	2	480	391	130	19	9	21	8	..	9	2	56	360	..	564	3275	...				
G. W. Anglinbaugh, D.D.	Greenvillage, Pa.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
G. E. Russell, D.D., LL.D.	Waynesboro, Pa.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Jonas E. Sloutz.....	Chambersburg, Pa.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Isaac N. Peighted.....	Greencastle, Pa.....	2	385	332	100	4	7	8	5	..	6	2	39	198	1	615	1777	22				
Edward O. Keen.....	Waynesboro, Pa.....	2	281	209	140	17	4	19	10	..	4	2	38	200	..	380	6035	20				
Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D.	Lancaster.....	2	276	236	95	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	18	175	..	500	1000	20				
Henri L. G. Kleffer.....	Mercersburg, Pa.....	2	360	305	120	2	11	14	10	..	1	2	25	239	..	471	1221	25				
George P. Fisher.....	Marion, Pa.....	3	178	148	83	4	3	7	2	..	3	1	10	70	..	111	1353	10				
Charles M. Smith.....	McConnellsburg, Pa.....	3	308	249	38	4	9	12	5	..	5	6	1	28	214	..	517	1428	20			
John O. Reagle.....	Shippensburg, Pa.....	1	349	301	154	10	7	17	16	..	5	4	..	1	32	271	..	317	1681	20		
Edgar R. Appenzeller.....	Chambersburg, Pa.....	3	200	184	102	5	3	6	6	..	5	19	7	1	3	11	..	133	814	19		
Elas F. Faust.....	St. Thomas, Pa.....	3	179	108	82	10	3	4	4	..	4	4	2	3	47	..	89	636	19			
Charles P. Kehl.....	Fort Loudon, Pa.....	3	415	285	150	1	..	9	6	..	8	1	25	256	..	736	1556	20				
Preston A. DeLong.....	Chambersburg, Pa.....	2	174	134	..	7	1	4	8	..	4	1	..	32	195	1	89	307	..			
Edward S. Lamar.....	Williamson, Pa.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Wm. M. Irvine, Ph.D.....	Mercersburg, Pa.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Geo. Leslie Omwake.....	Collegeville, Pa.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
			25	3027	2928	1214	90	58	114	128	96	..	34	56	21	23	371	2655	2	\$4568	\$21213	195

W. C. CREMER, Stated Clerk.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.				Sunday-Schools.		Contributions.							
			Communicants.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	Christ	1	325	247	140	5	1	6	8	9	5	1	3	1	34	170	..	\$556	\$2911	..	
J. W. Rauch	Martinsburg, W. Va.	Falling Waters	1	21	13	10	1	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	10	35	..	20	39	8	
George G. Everhart	Harrisonburg, Va.	St. Stephen	1	21	18	15	3	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	6	25	..	49	175	..	
Josiah May	Bayard, W. Va.	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
S. A. Hiltner	Edinburg, Va.	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
N. H. Skyles	Woodstock, Va.	Woodstock	2	220	190	190	2	1	6	3	2	..	2	..	1	32	123	..	375	750	..	
H. Ditzler	Mt. Jackson, Va.	Mill Creek	4	211	175	104	6	6	22	1	4	..	6	1	3	18	177	..	151	714	..	
Lewis T. Lampe	Somerset, Pa.	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
A. Theo. Wright	Mt. Crawford, Va.	Rockingham	3	327	259	131	2	4	4	7	..	..	9	..	4	32	212	..	453	787	16	
A. Shullenberger	Edinburg, Va.	Edinburg	3	140	130	61	6	..	4	2	2	5	4	1	2	17	88	..	145	455	14	
M. A. Kelfter	Timberville, Va.	Timberville	3	289	250	146	9	8	14	5	1	1	4	..	2	21	159	..	132	1893	14	
T. K. Cromer	Winchester, Va.	Winchester	2	132	100	79	4	2	13	1	3	..	3	..	2	17	90	..	126	624	14	
A. H. Smith	Tom's Brook, Va.	Harrisville	2	242	204	90	4	2	6	8	2	7	4	1	2	30	225	..	229	1747	17	
J. Elmer Guy	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	Shepherdstown	2	146	115	62	6	..	14	2	..	..	1	1	2	18	100	1	130	2505	..	
Supply	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	Smithfield	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	9	..	..	
Ben. K. Hay	Mt. Crawford, Va.	Mt. Crawford	3	222	181	86	..	..	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	42	198	..	514	1213	20	
J. M. Sonder	Arbor Hill, Va.	Middlebrook	2	235	195	70	8	7	17	11	2	..	3	..	2	2	168	..	122	968	15	
T. J. Hacker, D.D.	Roanoke, Va.	Roanoke	1	71	52	35	3	2	..	2	..	1	1	2	1	7	62	..	70	632	10	
Vacant	Lovettsville, Va.	St. James	1	127	64	89	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	12	32	..	34	45	..	
			32	2736	2193	1244	60	39	126	53	29	1	23	44	14	28	325	1874	1	\$3112	\$15515	128

J. A. HOFFHEINS, Stated Clerk.

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.			Sunday-Schools.		Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.													
			Communicants.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Ersure of Name	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.												
John Ingle	Green Park, N. C.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8													
Michael L. Hedrick	Silver Hill, N. C.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8													
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.	Newton, N. C.	Grace	1	70	56	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..													
Peter M. Trexler, D.D.	R. D. 6, Salisbury, N. C.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
John A. Foli, Ph.D.	Newton, N. C.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Paul Barringer	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Joseph L. Murphy, D.D.	Hickory, N. C.	Corinth, Hickory	1	204	174	57	18	2	16	22	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Jacob C. Leonard	Lexington, N. C.	First, Lexington	1	119	97	42	6	7	18	14	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
J. M. Luther Lyerly, Ph.D	Crescent, N. C.	Central Rowan	4	226	223	21	25	1	8	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
James D. Andrew	Burlington, N. C.	Burlington	3	246	189	52	3	14	15	18	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Julius H. Shuford	Hickory, N. C.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
William H. McNairy	Lenoir, N. C.	Zion, Lenoir	1	30	27	15	7	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Clarence Clapp	China Grove, N. C.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Henry E. Sechler	Seabreeze, Florida	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Joshua L. Bowers	China Grove, N. C.	West Rowan	2	229	203	125	16	1	8	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
John H. Keller	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	New Gilead	3	287	175	225	14	17	7	12	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
W. B. Duttera, B.D., Ph.D	Salisbury, N. C.	Faith, Salisbury	1	61	42	37	4	1	13	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
David E. Bowers	High Point, N. C.	First, High Point	..	68	37	23	2	3	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Samuel W. Beck	Concord, N. C.	Trinity, Concord	1	95	74	51	7	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Walter W. Rowe	Rockwell, N. C.	East Rowan	3	401	310	260	21	2	36	30	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Calvin B. Heller	Maiden, N. C.	Lincoln	4	340	284	167	19	14	4	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
William H. Causey	R. D. 1, Lexington, N. C.	Upper Davidson	4	535	438	189	18	8	25	5	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Shuford Peeler	Greensboro, N. C.	First, Greensboro	1	27	24	7	2	1	1	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Allen Holshouser, M.D.	Rockwell, N. C.	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Charles E. Wehler	Newton, N. C.	Grace, Newton	1	163	132	90	2	1	12	13	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
George A. Snyder	Newton, N. C.	Pres. Catawba Col.	3	180	120	75	3	1	11	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Frederick Cromer	Thomasville, N. C.	Thomasville	5	300	225	75	2	4	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Vacant	R. D. 2, Lexington, N. C.	Lower Davidson	2	335	225	75	2	4	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Vacant	Lamont, N. C.	Gulford	4	213	176	103	8	11	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Vacant	Conover, N. C.	Catawba	4	213	176	103	8	11	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
W. H. McNairy, supply.	Blowing Rock, N. C.	Mt. Bethel Blowing Rock	1	20	16	8	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
Vacant	R. D. 1, Hickory, N. C.	Bethel	1	80	69	32	2	14	16	24	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
J. C. Leonard, supply	Lexington, N. C.	Second, Lexington	1	37	30	2	14	16	24	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
J. L. Murphy, supply	Hickory, N. C.	Brookford.	1	13	10	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..													
			50	4269	3105	1718	180	78	284	173	85	19	35	11	42	42	5080	9	\$4930	\$14270	287	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.				Sunday-Schools.		Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.			
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-nuwal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Ersure of Name	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Unce'd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purposes.
William K. Zieber, D.D.	Hanover, Pa.	Without charge	1	294	287	10	4	1	10			4		1	21	175	\$430	\$2468	18	
Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.	Gettysburg, Pa.	Gettysburg																		
Walter E. Krebs, D.D.	Littletown, Pa.	Without charge																		
John H. Hartman.	Hanover, Pa.	West Manheim	4	579	530	40	34	3	5			1	12	2	31	180	268	1200	30	
Francis S. Lindaman.	Littletown, Pa.	Christ Church	3	740	670	45	1	32	5	17		9	5	3	62	367	1500	1200	29	
John F. Mackley.	Fairfield, Pa.	Without charge																		
J. Marion Mickle.	McKnightstown, Pa.	Without charge																		
William D. LeFevre.	Smayna, Del.	Without charge																		
Marsby J. Roth.	Hanover, Pa.	Trinity	1	628	600	265	35	33	30	12		25	15	6	37	590	454	3032	15	
Paul M. Spangler.	East Berlin, Pa.	East Berlin	4	331	238	100	22	3	9	5	4	8	7	4	35	290	145	689	16	
Wharton A. Kline.	Collegeville, Pa.	Prof. in Ursinus Col.																		
Nathan W. Sechler.	Codorus, Pa.	Jefferson																		
J. Hamilton Smith.	Littletown, Pa.	Littletown	3	789	720	515	28	22	3	6			11	4	38	230	332	1414	18	
Theodore C. Hesson.	Arendtsville, Pa.	Arendtsville	1	347	280	135	10	5	9	10		4	3	1	30	210	400	1400	15	
Silas P. Manger.	New Oxford, Pa.	New Oxford	2	427	373	188	13	6	7	11		6	1	2	32	270	450	967	20	
Jacob M. Stick.	Sendal, Japan	Missionary in Japan.	3	600	480	260	25	25	5	16	8	16		3	48	340	395	1350	24	
William E. Bushong.	Hanover, Pa.	Without charge																		
E. William Stonebraker.	Fairfield, Pa.	Cashtown	3	403	376	210	17	14	67	21	11	7	5	3	35	260	525	1550	40	
Ellis S. Hay.	Hanover, Pa.	Emmanuel	1	520	396	163	15	1	8	13	2	5	3	1	31	316	1418	12500	12	
Jacob N. Faust.	Spring Forge, Pa.	Lischey	2	441	406	280	30	1	8	9	5	6	5	2	36	234	174	600	15	
T. J. Barkley, supply.	Gettysburg, Pa.	St. Mark	1	88	85	62	2	6	1	1		4		1	10	67	33	155	6	
			29	6187	5441	3293	292	20	259	112	110	48	106	36	29	446	3529	\$6325	\$28526	258

THOS. J. BARKLEY, Stated Clerk.

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.		Losses.			Sunday-Schools.		Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.							
			Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Unced.	Number of Officers and Teachers.		Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
(1) Miles O. Noll.....	Carlisle, Pa.....	Carlisle	402	367	170	8	14	11	7	2	5	2	1	29	\$709	\$2337	...				
J. Thomas Fox.....	New Bloomfield, Pa.....	New Bloomfield	128	116	68	14	1	5	10	15	2	2	2	25	158	1008	...				
Charles A. Waltman.....	Blain, Perry Co., Pa.....	Blain, Perry Co., Pa.....	470	364	216	24	6	24	7	5	9	3	3	42	336	2593	...				
Frank L. Kerr.....	Newport, Pa.....	Newport	245	201	125	7	5	14	10	4	4	6	1	28	300	2500	...				
Harry W. Wissler.....	Carlisle, Pa.....	Sulphur Springs	194	153	59	5	1	6	5	...	1	1	4	34	215	942	...				
Milton M. Noecker.....	Marysville, Pa.....	Duncannon	219	205	101	9	2	13	3	4	1	1	2	37	230	1275	...				
Hiram J. Macalister.....	Newburg, Pa.....	Newburg	133	120	48	4	...	7	1	6	...	...	1	20	177	600	...				
Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.....	Mechanicsburg, Pa.....	St. Paul	250	184	92	4	1	1	3	4	5	...	31	253	363	1088	...				
(2) Roy E. Leinbach.....	Landisburg, Pa.....	Landisburg	371	270	101	9	3	2	6	7	7	4	48	348	249	983	...				
F. A. Rupley, Jr., supply	Mechanicsburg, Pa.....	Peace Church	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Solomon B. Schafer.....	Martinsburg, Pa.....	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Samuel P. Staufner.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
George A. House.....	Dayton, Ohio.....	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
William H. Groh.....	Carlisle, Pa.....	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Edwin D. Melixell.....	Greensburg, Pa.....	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
George W. Shellenberger.....	Harrisburg, Pa.....	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Samuel T. Wagner.....	Allinda, Pa.....	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Frank W. Shulenberger.....	Mt. Tabor, Pa.....	Licentiate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
Veron L. Rice.....	Blain, Perry Co., Pa.....	Licentiate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
			22	2417	1980	980	84	19	90	52	51	..	21	35	13	20	2416	1	\$2736	\$18346	...

(1) Died, Nov. 27, 1905. (2) Ordained, Aug. 3, 1905. WM. H. GROH, Stated Clerk.

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.				Sunday-Schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.	
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-natal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of		Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Beneficent Pur-poses.
Frederick A. Ruple, D.D.	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.	Without charge	3	254	214	225	14	2	14	3	3	...	4	4	2	15	140	...	\$525	21
Daniel G. Hetrick	Schellsburg, Bedf. Co., Pa.	Schellsburg	3	359	268	129	10	2	14	4	5	7	7	2	3	54	287	339	896	20
Benjamin F. Bausman	Cessna, Bedford Co., Pa.	Dunnings Creek	1	246	230	200	36	3	22	29	5	...	3	1	1	30	285	265	2632	12
John D. Hicks	2327 7th Av., Altoona, Pa.	Grace, Altoona	3	438	315	142	15	2	11	6	5	...	11	...	2	29	278	713	1083	26
Albert F. Nace	St. Clairsville, Bedf. Co., Pa.	St. Clairsville	4	323	251	96	5	16	22	27	2	...	2	4	4	67	319	283	2845	25
John S. Hedner	Roaring Springs, Blair Co., Pa.	Hickory Bottom	3	340	274	187	10	2	12	7	9	15	8	1	2	26	152	590	1327	25
Howard Obold	Alexandria, Hunting. Co., Pa.	Water Street	3	354	287	65	8	15	13	7	13	...	6	...	3	23	294	329	924	18
Walter E. Garrett	McConnellstown, Hunting. Co.	McConnellstown	3	261	225	111	5	8	12	3	11	...	2	...	2	28	245	479	918	13
William C. Slough	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.	Martinsburg	2	360	258	155	13	4	16	3	3	22	10	7	1	37	249	285	1100	25
George W. Welsh	James Creek, Huntingdon Co.	Woodcock Valley	2	174	133	36	5	6	12	8	2	...	4	...	1	25	160	217	2028	14
J. David Miller	Everett, Bedford Co., Pa.	Everett	3	344	247	222	16	1	25	9	4	...	8	...	2	24	203	418	750	20
Charles W. Warlick	Mann's Choice, Bedford Co.	Sulphur Springs	3	214	159	79	6	...	3	6	4	...	5	1	1	16	111	249	1169	12
A. Thos. G. Apple	Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.	St. John, Bedford	1	694	450	215	15	6	27	33	4	16	3	2	1	32	383	912	8250	20
Warren J. Johnson	1505 12th Av., Altoona, Pa.	Christ, Altoona	4	197	174	85	6	1	11	7	10	...	2	1	1	3	20	212	770	24
Christian Gumbert	Laysburg, Bedford Co., Pa.	Yellow Creek	4	465	391	265	35	11	33	1	14	...	14	5	4	36	572	353	2549	18
John D. Hunsicker	Claysburg, Blair Co., Pa.	Greenfield	2	235	193	113	16	6	16	16	9	8	1	...	2	32	368	575	619	24
Charles F. Althouse	Saxton, Bedford Co., Pa.	Saxton	3	285	206	157	4	...	1	4	3	...	3	...	3	12	132	171	3251	15
Christian W. Summey	R.F.D. 2, Everett, Bedf. Co.	Friends Cove	3	1	622	479	312	35	4	22	7	2	5	...	2	33	453	1077	3281	15
George E. Limbert	611 8th St., Altoona, Pa.	Trinity, Altoona	3	79	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	2	18	48	21	...	18
Vacant	Clearville, Bedford Co., Pa.	Clear Ridge	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Vacant	Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co., Pa.	Orbisonia	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
D. E. Master	Huntingdon, Pa.	Huntingdon	33	374	279	122	13	8	16	16	4	...	4	...	1	26	260	1478	1572	12
			33	6518	5033	2876	267	84	304	214	137	58	99	24	43	604	5441	\$9156	\$34343	387

J. DAVID MILLER, Stated Clerk.

Total Statistical Summary of Potomac Synod for the Year A. D., 1905.

CLASSES.	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.				
	Communicants.				Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-nerval of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Ersure of Name.	Deaths, Coun'ts.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purposes.	
	Ministers.	Congregations																			
Zion	1	20	40	5761	4595	3334	303	22	199	178	104	1	63	72	68	39	736	6194	10	\$9,945 00	\$26,619 00
Maryland	1	46	65	11159	9022	6028	511	56	468	319	200	1	141	146	74	62	1178	8845	10	19,632 00	92,101 00
Mercersburg	1	19	25	3627	2928	1214	90	58	114	128	96	1	34	56	21	23	371	2635	2	4,568 00	21,213 00
Virginia	1	17	32	2736	2193	1244	60	39	126	53	29	1	23	44	14	28	325	1874	1	3,112 00	15,515 00
North Carolina	1	27	50	4269	3105	1718	180	78	284	173	85	1	19	35	11	42	426	5030	9	4,930 00	14,270 00
Gettysburg	1	20	29	6187	5411	3293	292	20	259	112	110	1	48	106	36	29	446	3529	7	6,525 00	28,526 00
Carlisle	1	18	22	2417	1980	980	84	19	90	52	51	1	21	35	13	20	204	2416	1	2,736 00	13,346 00
Juniata	1	20	53	6518	5033	2876	267	84	304	214	137	1	58	99	24	43	604	5441	2	9,156 00	34,343 00
Total	8	186	316	42674	34267	20637	1789	376	1844	1229	812	2	407	593	261	286	4380	35984	32	\$60,604 00	\$215,933 00

Total Statistical Summary of Reformed Church in the United States for 1905.

NAMES OF SYNODS.	Licentates.		No. of Ministers.		No. of Congregations.		Members.			Additions.				Losses.						S. Schools.				Students for Ministry.		Contributions.	
							Communicants.	Commended.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Renew. of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Ersure of Name.	Deaths Com'ts	Deaths Uncoar'd	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.			Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Eastern Synod	11	334	548	108378	87510	50317	5433	604	5214	3972	1876	1	1808	1763	930	565	10405	90997	68	\$136,387 00	\$572,427 00						
Ohio Synod	4	145	232	27418	21405	5314	745	564	1218	963	643	1	906	353	75	203	3287	23275	18	41,128 00	152,801 00						
Synod of North West	4	172	236	24446	17710	14959	1650	27	1186	749	342	15	974	844	162	217	1578	13380	43	23,374 00	140,468 00						
Pittsburgh Synod	7	96	158	21065	18646	10657	1196	213	846	844	428	3	416	326	137	146	1800	15439	8	41,563 00	139,897 00						
Potomac Synod	7	179	316	42544	34146	20199	1801	376	1832	1197	810	2	404	590	261	297	4380	36891	32	60,688 00	215,948 00						
German Synod of East	7	65	58	15177	11759	9533	1544	23	965	746	111	1	592	335	161	56	1114	11532	61	11,011 00	112,021 00						
Central Synod	106	120	24476	18702	12091	1316	117	930	723	244	4	523	366	155	109	1553	14720	17	21,885 00	123,633 00							
Synod of Interior	54	62	3427	2712	1213	118	97	191	174	174	174	1	162	39	13	55	672	4190	21	6,884 00	36,434 00						
Total	26	1151	1730	264931	212590	124283	13903	2021	12368	9368	4628	25	3225	4116	1894	1648	24789	208524	194	\$332,720 00	\$1,494,629 00						

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